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NOTICE.

THE following Memoirs of the Reign of KING JAMES THE SIXTH in Scotland will, it is hoped, not be considered an uninteresting addition to those contemporary narratives, in which the general historian finds a valuable source of information. They were published at Edinburgh in 1755 by Walter Ruddiman, in a most unpretending volume, after being reduced into what was probably deemed a more popular form, by a sacrifice of the genuine language and original style, which greatly diminishes their attraction to the antiquary.

So far as can be discovered through the transmutations which the text has thus undergone, that edition appears to have been printed from a manuscript now in the Library of the Faculty of Advocates, (W. 6. 15.) which is evidently in more modern language and handwriting than those of the sixteenth century. This supposition acquires some confirmation from the circumstance, that both in that manuscript, and in Ruddiman's publication, the narrative of the Gowrie conspiracy, attributed to the pen of James the Sixth, has been appended to the Memoirs. Another manuscript has been found in the collection of the Right Honorable Lord Belhaven and Stenton, in a hand apparently of that century, and undoubtedly earlier than that of the manuscript in the

Advocates' Library. The difference of dates of these two copies is farther ascertained by the dissimilarity of language and style. This is so great, that it would be difficult to find ten consecutive lines which exactly agree. In some instances omissions occur in the later manuscript, and there are frequent interpolations, sometimes of dates or designations of persons, in other cases of sentences or even paragraphs. From the internal evidence thus afforded, it appears likely that the transcriber of this manuscript has altered and added to his information from other sources. Upon the whole, it has appeared more desirable to follow the earlier and more genuine manuscript in the present reprint; but an Appendix of Various Readings distinguishes every variation and interpolation of any importance to the sense, which occur in the other manuscript; to have marked every omitted passage and verbal alteration, would have needlessly swelled the limits of the volume, and exhausted the patience of the reader. To illustrate the description thus attempted of these manuscripts, fac-similes are given of a corresponding passage from both, and also two specimens of David Moysie's autograph, from the originals preserved in the Register House.

Neither of the manuscripts so frequently referred to, throw any light upon the authorship of these Memoirs; and the quaint dedication to King James, by his "Majesty's own old man and humble servant," which is prefixed to the former edition, has no existence in the original, and indeed bears internal proofs of forgery. It appears, however, that David Moise [Moysie] was known to Nicolson as the author of a historical work, which the Doctor classes with those of Habakkuk Biret [Bisset] and John Colum, as "hard to be met with," (*Scot. Hist. Lib. folio edit. p.p. 45, 46.*) In the absence of direct evidence, the Editor has no wish to deprive his book of its supposed parentage, and has,

with the kind assistance of Mr Macdonald of the Register House, collected a few notices of David Moysie.

The orthography of proper names was formerly little attended to in Scotland, and was often varied at the caprice of the writer. The case of the author is however remarkable, in as far as his surname has not till now been correctly given to the public. Nicolson, as has been shewn, calls him MOISE, and in the former edition of these Memoirs, he invariably appears as DAVID MOYSES. The latter name is found through a long tract of time among the burgesses of Aberdeen, but the Editor is not aware of any other instance in which that of MOYSIE occurs.

MR DAVID MOYSIE exercised the professions of Writer and Notary Public in Edinburgh, during the former part of the reign of James the Sixth. In 1577, we have him in the latter capacity attesting the subscription of David Andersoun, to a lease granted by James Bannatyne of the Kirkcoun of Newtild. Not long after this date, he was employed in the offices of state, in which he continued to labour, though apparently without attaining to any considerable promotion. Various notices of his occupations and emoluments occur between 1582 and 1601, in the Treasurer's Accounts, the Register of the Privy Seal, and *passim* in other records. During the former portion of that time, he was occupied as a Clerk of the Privy Council; of the few notices of him in that capacity which remain, the following are selected from the Treasurer's Books, 1586.

“ Item, to Dauid Moyfie for his lawbouris be the faid space, [the year 1586,] vj liß. xij s. iiij d.

“ Item, to Dauid Moyfie daylie occupeit in writting of the effairis of the secreit counsale vnder Johnne Andro, for his grite panis and

travellis, and for his yeirlie allowance omittit in the laft compt of the lxxxij and lxxxiiij, lxxx lib. and for the lxxxv yeir, compted xl lib. inde j^c xx lib.

“ Item, be his Maiefteis precept to David Moyfie writtare, for the fupport of his charges futenit in the continewale attendance vpoun his Hienes at court, as the fame producit beris, lxxvj lib. xiiij ſ. iiij d.”

At a ſubſequent period, in 1596, we find him in the Secretary’s department. Several letters of this date which have been preſerved, open up ſome of the mysteries of that office, and ſhew among other things, that Mr David was not indifferent to the emoluments of his ſituation. Theſe letters, with a memorandum by Alexander Hay, Clerk of Re-giſter, ſerving to illuſtrate the diviſion of labour and of fees, are appended to this notice. Along with them is given a letter from Mr Hercules Rollok, which, beſides news of official intereſt, gives ſome insight into the chit-chat of the day.

Of the private and domeſtic hiſtory of David nothing is known, except that on the 3d Auguſt 1584, a letter paſſed under the Privy Seal “ to David Moyfie ſone lauchfull to David Mofey wrettar, gevand, “ grantand and diſponand to him during all the dayis of his lyiftyme, “ for his helpe and ſuftentation at the ſcolis, and educatioun in vertew “ and guid lettres, all and haill the few maillis of the commoun landis “ of the kirk of Dunkeld, callit Foffartie and Babewlie, extending to “ threttie tua pundis money of this realme.” David the ſon having died ſoon after the date of this grant, it was renewed to his father, 19th February 1584-5.

With this meagre introduction of the author, the reader is left to improve an acquaintance with him through the medium of his book.

As the narrative of a contemporary, and probably often of an eye-witness, it is not without value ; but its chief interest will be found to consist in graphic delineations of daily occurrences, and in minute touches of character and manners, such as cannot enter into the more comprehensive compositions of the historian.

The Act of Privy Council, which changed the commencement of the year from the 25th March to the 1st January, and which is referred to at p. 166. of the Various Readings, is subjoined in the Appendix from the original record.

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APPENDIX.

I. [DAVID MOYSIE TO SIR JOHN LINDSAY OF MENMURE SECRETARY?]

MY LORD, pleas your L. : according to directioun I presentit to his Majesteis hand, and obtenit subscrivit the tua letteris to be sent to Flanderis anent the Erll of Errole. I have formit his Majesteis anfuwer to the Conservatour, quhilk your L. fall reslave with the rest. The penaltie of the last act of cautionarie fund be the Erle of Errole at Abirdene is fourtie thousand pundis, quherof Johnne Andro (quha hes the actis) can resolve your L. He sould forme that act of cautionarie craved for Errole now : yit I have formit the same according to your L. informatioun ; quherin gif ony thing wald be helpit, lett the same be done be Johnne, for he is best skillit in they materis : His Majestie will have the same pane, and the famin cautioneris contenit in this act that wes in the formar. His Majestie hes tald me, that the thesaurar hes that letter quhilk wes writtin be the estates of Zeland. I deliverit the copy of the cockalane to his Majestie, quhilk almaiist nevir cummis out of his handis. His Majestie is heichlie exasperat aganis the makares ; God fend him knaulege, for thai deserve seveir punisfchement. His

Majeſtie fend for ſum of the ſpeciall hornaris at his being in Dundie, bot few compeirit, faiffand the maifter of Gray and thre or foure ma, quha fatiffeit his Majeſtie be relaxationis. Na ordour taiken with the non compeirrantis, bot that the maifter of Gray as thereff, (quha hes promittit as I heir to cum to his Majeſtie at Falkland,) falbe appointit to mell with thair houffis. I reſſaved not your L. packett quhill our cuming out of Dundie, on Fryday laſt about tuelff houris at the watter fyde, ſwa that the greit ſtorme ſenfyne and our dalie travelling hes bene the caus of the not returne of anſuer, quhilk it will pleaſe your L. to excuiſ. And ſua, my maiſt humyll commendationis of ſervice remembered, I commit your L. hartlie in Godis tentioun : from Dumfermling, this viij of Auguſt 1596.

Your L. awin man and ſeruand,

DAVID MOYSIE.

II. TO MY VERRIE GUD LORD AND MAISTER MY LORD SECRETARE.

MY LORD, efter my verray hartlie commendatioun of ſervice: I reſſavit your L. ticket fra David Moyſie to deliver to him fyftie merkis, quhilk I haif done ſenfyne. Mr Robert Gudlad hes inquirit of me, gif I knew quhat was wont to be his ſie for ſerving in that part of the office; ſa far as I can underſtand, your L. prediceſſour gaif him out of his awin purſe ane hundreth merkis be yeir at twa termes. The tyme that David Moyſie reſſavit fra me fyftie merk, he wes complenand it wes ſa littill, that he could nocht weill ſerve for ſic ſmall ſowme; had he nocht had that office, he wald nocht have kept it without greter commoditie. I anſuerit him, it was the office brought him in accompt, and maid him

the man he was, and fa fould nocht difdane his fervice, and compt it fa littill. Alwyife my L. gif he will nocht ferve for sic lowme as your L. lykes to gif him, your L. will get anew to do the turne alfweill as he ; your L. knawis weill aneuch quhat to do. Sua committis your L. to the proteftioun of almychtj God : Off Edinburgh, 24th Auguft 1596.

Your L. fervand at al power,

J. LAING.

III. TO THE RICHT HONORABLE MY SPECIALL GUDE LORD AND
MAISTER, MY LORD OF MENMURE SECRETAR TO
OUR SOVERANE LORD.

PLEIS it your L. ; your laft Danifhe difpelfhe imbarkit upon Fryday laft at efternone, and gif the winde continewe in this airth as it hes done fenfyne, may be at the ambaffadouris the morne at evin.

Anent David Moyfies fie, I can fend your L. na uther certanetie nor I have be his awne report, quhilk is, that he had yeirlie payit him be your L. antecessour ane hundreth merkis, be precept anis in the yeir to Mr John Layng ; quhilk in my tyme was onelie fourtie pundis, and that rather fet down to me at my firft entrie be the laft clerk of register, as ane dewe pertenyng to that fervice, nor that ever I maid reknyng of the payment of it, ather in my L. Dunfermlingis or the Chancellaris tymes, as being content, rather to have bene furthered be thame to any cafualtie that occurrit, nor to have bene that burdenable to any of thame in thair particuler. Quhilk David Moyfie fall rather chufe, gif he will follow my advife, speciallie fen the fervice felf is nocht fa barren, as may give any diligent attendar occafioun to be ower earnift upoun a

he, depending simplie upon his Majesteis liberalitie, as ever it be. I think the richt of this inclofit order, set down be sic ane hand at my first entrie to that service, may with gude reasoun reinge him to the first allowance ; namelie respecting the hundreth pundis quhilk he hes payit him be the thesaurer, quhilk in my tyme excedit nocht thrie score, as heir your L. feis, and quhairof I never refavit ane denier.

This uther letter is the copy quhilk he sent me of his Majesteis anfuer to the Quene of Inglandis last, written with his Hienes hand. I have comandit a silver pen for his Majestie, quhilk wilbe ready this oulk anis.

Swa to your L. nixt occaifioun, I humblie tak my leve, at my hartiest commendatioun of service, committing your L. to the cure and comfort of that almychty phyfician, quha keip yow ever in his protectioun. From Edinburgh, this tyifday.

Your L. humble and loving fervant,
M. G. YOUNG.

IV. ALEXANDER HAY CLERK OF REGISTER, ANENT THE DEPUTES OF THE SECRETARIE.

THE Secretair thir findry yeirs bigane hes had tua deputis resident at court.

The ane clerk to the Counsale, quha had ordinarlie xij li. x s. in the moneth paid be the thesaurair, extending in the yeir to j^e and l li. This office wes first broukit be William Maitland thereafter Secretair, then be Johnne Johnnestoun, then be Alexander Hay, and now be Johnne Andro.

The uther may be callit properlie the Secretaris Depute in the Secretary, and is in effectt equall with the other in ordinar commoditie paid

in this maner; xl ti. be my Lord Secretair at Witfunday and Martimes; lx ti. be the thesaurair, quhilk wes a penfioun grantit to Sir Neill for paper, ink and walx furnishing; and the proffite of the court signet, estimat worth l ti.

The last yeir I appointit Mr Johnne Andro, that we fuld be equall partiners in bayth, and ather of ws to serve ordinarily our moneth about.

Off lait yeirs I had a penfioun grantit unto me out of the thriddis, as Johnne Andro had ane likuife, bot the florme of revocationis hes drevin that welth away. We had likuife bushe in court quhen we lykit to await theron, bot I forbure to feik it ordinarily quhill I had seene ane ordour.

V. TO MY SPECIALL GOOD LORD MY LORD SECRETAR.

MY LORD, eftir maist serviable salutations: My bil anent Mr William Borthuik, fould have bene send the nixt day eftir my cumming heir, with Mr David Lindfaye, quhae difappointit me contre his promife, and suae it cam lait to your L. Your letter for answer thairof, wes deliverit to Mr William: quhat effect it workis I knawe nocht, for he is rwid and faxxoufche; bot my man is presentlie in Dundie, to bring that silver heir, quhilk I look for schortlie. As to your L. former bil to me, anent Patrik Murrays dispesche to the northe, I wreat na anfuier thertil, becaufe I lookit daylie to have cum thair, with all the peices of wreatis touchting that purpose, to have bene revisit and reformat be your L.; bot feing we have done that maiter among our selfis to our awin contentment heir, we thocht it nocht neidful to trubbil your L. forder thairwith. We took in sum pointis avyfirmen of his Ma-

jettie, and in sum thingis consultit with the advocat. Patrik and I per-
 formit the rest, be the formalitie of Jhon Andro and William Wealie in
 maner following. We have alterit nae thing of your L. informations
 or injunctions to Patrik, except we have exprest the names of sex bar-
 rons, or onie thrie of thame; sax ministers, or onie three of thame,
 quhae suld be on my Lord Huntlies counsal in his wechtie adois. The
 cheif commissioun that Patrik Murray caries with him contenis tuae
 heidis; the ane is, that the thrie erlis at his sicht in name of his M.
 satisfie al the conditions and injunctions of the Assemblée, before thay be
 relaxit frae excommunication: the wther is, that the said Patrik, juning
 with him certan appointit ministers, pacifie all the feadis and debateis
 in the northe; at least put thame al wnder assurance for ane year, til
 thay be agreit with better leasur. And we have maid three of thir
 commissiouns, ane for ilk erle, sumquhat different in the first head, becaus
 the conditions of the kirk touchis thame nocht al equalie; and in the
 commissioun anent the Erle of Angus, the secund head is nae way tout-
 chit, becaus we knawe of his fead with nae man. Nixt, he caries with
 him thair three letteris of protection, to be daitit and publiit eftir the
 excommunication be lowfit. Thridlie, thrie obligations of the generall
 band, to be subscrivit be thame, and ten cautionars for ilk ane of thame,
 ilk cautionar wnder twae thousand pundis. And by the generall band
 thre particular conditions ar jointit thairwith; 1. thay sal nocht traffik
 with strangers; 2. thay sal exclude frae thair cumpanie al papists; 3.
 thay sal give thair eldest sonnys in pledge of good ordour; Huntlie to
 the King, the uthir tuaye to the Erle of Mortoun: Fourtlie, letters ar
 directit to charge thame al three to subscribe the said band, augmentit
 in maner abone specifiet, and to find cawtions subscryvand as said is;
 and the same thaireftir suld be reportit heir, and registrat be William

Wealie, wreater of the saidis obligationis and charges; for Jhon Androwe wreatis al the rest, except the missives direct be David Moyse: Fyftlie, letters ar direct to charge al thame that ar wnder fead to subscribe ane band of assurance, and ane separat band fend to ilkane of thame to be subscrivit, being xvj or xvij in numer: Saxtlie, missives ar fend to al the ministers, that thai suld travel to perfyte the said absolution, and to reconcill the dissensions foirlaidis; as also to my Lord and Ladie Huntlie, for hir applying to our religion, and for purging thair house of al suspect papistis.

This far touching the effairis in the northe:—as to the planting of the kirkis, Edinburgh and St Androis, (quherof your L. is inquisitive in bayth your billis,) Patrik Murray assuris me that the King is obstinat to exclude the four Ministeris frae Edinburgh, albeit the halie sisteris hes offerit three hundryth crownis to retene thame. As to St Androis, Mr David Blak wilbe lykwaies debarrit thairfrae presentlie, bot Mr Robert Wallace nocht yet, wntil ane minister be gottin for that citie, and thaireftir he will be remoivit. The commissioners thairanent suld meit his M. other in Lithcove or Edinburgh, the 2d of June. And quhan this bussines is effectuall, than the universitie is to be visitit and purgit. I schewe his M. secretlie that clause of your bill anent Mr Andro Melvil: his M. answairit, he suld give ample commission to weil chosin commissioners for that effect; and that your L. and utheris weil myndit to quyetnes, in the meane tyme shuld doe weil to trye faltis, and forme ane dittaye.

Anent utheris newis, I knawe nae notable thing. The lait Inglis ambassadour can not obtene the deliverie of Seffuird and Balcleuche, and thairfore appeirit crabit at the beginning, but is satlit sensyne, content with sum schape of excuse. The report that the King of France

with his domestikis fuld bene maffacrit at the marriage of his fifter, decayis and is difcredite, becaufe nae advertifinent cumis frae Ingland thairanent. Mr Thomas Hamiltone is contraēt and proclamit with Col-lintons dochter, quha remainis with Mr Thomas Craigs wyf; the tocher bruitit 9000 merkis. Balquhane is wardit in the caftel of Edinburgh, at the perfuit of his brother Mr William. The Erle of Huntlie fend ane gentil man heir within thir tuae dayes, with nae uther commiffion bot letteris of vifitation to the King and Quene, and fum memorials to uthers. His Lordship is fumquhat miscontent with that article of the kirk, that ftayes him frae making vantage of his vaffals, and that aſtriētis him to freindſchip with his nyctbouris, bot the King wil put fordward baythe thais pointis, for his L. awin weil. Patrik Murray wil viſeit your L. in his way, and ſchawe yowe his peices. The Sefſion is populus bot in final caufis. The Quene paſt to Seaton the penult of Maij in ane litter, nochtwithſtanding the gryt rane; and is to pas hir tyme be progrefe in the Baſs and utheris the lyk places. The King ſtayit that day for the rane, bot on the morne read to Lithkove, and is nocht to returne heir ſchortlie, bot to Falcland. It is thoct good that your L. viſeit him thair; for freindis millykis your lang abſence frae court, ſum ſuſpecting your miscontentment thair of, and utheris diſparing of your helthe, *inter aulicos vulturios prædæ inhiantes*. God preſerve your L. At Edinburgh, the firſt of June 1597. Be your L. faythful ſervitour,

MR HERCULES ROLLOK.

*Si hæ tibi ſint verbosæ, cæteras contraham tuo monitu.
Recipe proceſſum litis illius eccleſiaſticæ, et una
hitoriam impetus popularis. Utinam valeas.*

VI. ACT OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL OF SCOTLAND,—1599.

Apud Haliruidhous, xvij Decembris lxxxix.

The first day of the yeir appointit to be the first day of
Januar yeirlie.

THE KINGIS MAJESTIE, and Lordis of His Secreit Counfall, undir-
standing, That in all utheris weill governit commoun welthis and cun-
treis, the first day of the yeir begynis yeirlie upoun the first day of Ja-
nuare commounlie callit New yeiris day, and that this realme onlie is
different fra all utheris in the compt and reckining of the yeiris: And
his Majestie and Counfall willing that thair falbe na difconformitie be-
tuix his Majestie, his realme and leigis, and utheris nichtbour cuntreys
in this particular, bot that thay fall conforme thameselffis to the ordour
and custum observit be all utheris cuntreys, especialie feing the course
and seafoun of the yeir is maist propir and anfueraill thairto, and that
the alteratioun thairof importis na hurte nor prejudice to ony pairtie:
THAIRFOIR His Majestie with advife of the Lordis of his Secreit Counfall
Statutis and Ordanis, That in all tyme cuming, the first day of the yeir fal-
begin yeirlie upoun the first day of Januar, and thir presentis to tak exe-
cutioun upoun the first of Januare nixtocum, quhilk falbe the first day of
the I^m and sex hundreth yeir of God: And thairfoir Ordanis and Com-
mandis the Clerkis of his Hienes fessioun and signet, the Directour and
writtaris of the Chancellerie and Prevey Seall, and all utheris Jugeis,
writtaris, notaris and clerkis within this realme, That thay and everie

ane of thame in all tyme heirefter date all thair decreittis, infestmentis, charteris, seafingis, letteris and writtis quhatfumevir, according to this prefent ordinance, Compting the first day of the yeir fra the first day of Januare yeirlie, and the first day of the I^m and VI^e yeir of God fra the first day of Januare nixtocum : And ordanis publicatioun to be maid heirof at the mercat croceis of the heid burrowis of this realme, quhairthrow nane pretend ignorance of the fame.

WISHLAW M.S.

I hope you will keep many the long and the short of all the
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from a letter addressed to Dr. Schumacher

of America, Secretary - See App. p. XVII

I signed, on Feb 2, 1841, a paper
for the 3rd time and of course on Friday last
about myself for at the water side, I have
for some time, long since, and a short time
for some time of my own of course
and it will be for the 2nd time. And my
own name I will send me of some kind
and I will be the 2nd time in the
subscription for the 2nd time of course

Yours very much and
sincerely
David Morrell

Subscription to David Anderson's subscription

1 July 1847 - See Notice p. III

David Anderson is not my friend at present, but he has not
underwritten for my demand because I can not write

for David Morrell no more public demand and

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Vpone Weddnifday the tuentie fext day of Februar the yeir of God I^m V^c thrie lcoir fevintene yeiris, the erle of Ergyle come to Strivilinge, and being admitted to the Kingis Majesteis prefence, wes fa had and acceptit as theare wes ane chalmer appoynted for him in the castell.

Vpone the laft day of the faid monethe, the erle of Atholl come to Sterling, and immediatlie his Majestie condiscendit to wreyt to the nobilletie to conueine at Striuling the tent of Marche, &c.

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Vpone the aucht day of Marche the yeir of God I^m V^c thriefcor fevintene yeiris, King James the fext of this realme, being of the aidge of tuelffe yeiris, conuenit certane noble men of this realme in the castell of Striuling; quhilkis wer Johne erle of Athole, Coline erle of Ergyle, Johne erle of Montroife, the L. Leivingftoune, lord Maxwell, and dyverfe vtheris great men of this realme. At the quhilk conuention James erle of Mortoun, regent to the King, wes defyrit be his hienes to be alfo prefent, becaufe the maiter quhiche the King had then in handis concernit him: Yit the erle of Mortoun on the ane pairt wes willing to have fatiffeid the Kingis defyre in that behalfe; bot on the

vther pairt, calling to remembrance the particular wes betuix him and the erle of Ergyle, thocht he could not guidlie pas to the said conuention, bot sent his awin speciall freind Archbald erle of Angus thearunto, and in his companie Johne lord Glamis, chaunceller, Johne lord Hereis, and William lord Ruthuen, thesaurer, as commissioneris for him, quho wer thankfullie reffavit be the king. Finallie, tyme and place being appoynted, the counsell sat, and the said Johne lord Glames was ordeanit be the king [to demand] at evrie great man theareat his woit tuitching the depriuatioun of the said erle of Mortoun of the regiment of the realme: it wes thocht expedient that he sould be depried, and sua he wes depried be the mouthes of the moift pairt of the woiteris.

Vpone the tent day of the said monethe and yeir, being the first day of the said conuention, the Kingis Majestie, for avoyding of grudge and diffensoun amangis his nobiletie, be advyse of his said counsell acceptit the regiment of his realme vpon his awin persone, hovbeet he knew it wold be trubelsom to him.

Vpone the tuelt day of the samyn monethe of Marche, be found of trumpet and heraldis, publicatioun wes maid be opin proclamatioun at the mercat croce of Edinburghe of the Kingis acceptatioun of the gouernament of his owin realme vpon his persone. And the erle of Mortoun, being for the tyme within the burghe of Edinburgh, come in proper persone to the mercat croce therof, quhaire he, in presence of the hail peopill being therat, efter the found of a trumpet, and befoir they began to publeishe the said proclamatioun, in honest termes and gentle maner willinglie dimittit his auctoritie and regiment in the Kingis fauouris, and promittit faithfull obedience and seruice to him in all tymes comming, lykas his hienes had the full proufe theirow in tymes past.

Vpone the xiiij of the said monethe, the erle of Mortoun past out of Edinburgh to Dalkeithe, accompanied with fyve hundrethe horfmen or theirow, quhairow the moift pairt wes Merfemen.

Vpone the xv day of the said monethe of Marche and yeir foirsaid, the saidis Johne lord Glamis, William lord Ruthuen, and Johne lord Hereis, as commiffioneris wes sent be the King and his counfell to the erle of Mortoune, defyryng him that he wald rander the castell of Edinburgh, sua that his hichnes nicht appoynt lick keiperis and caiptanis for keiping his persone as it pleased him. The irenis of the counyiehous wes defyrit, with tene thovsand pundis money; for performance of the quhilk defyre the saidis commiffioneris brocht ane dischaarge wrytten vpone parchment, subfcribit with the King and his hail counfell, to the said erle Mortoun, dischairting him of all thingis and introniffionis that nicht be layd to his chaarge fen his entrie in the regiment, quhilk wes vpone the xx [xxv] day of November I^m V^c lxxij yeiris. The said erle of Mortoun, thinking this dischaarge sumquhat fclender for his releife, be reffone of the Kingis minoretie, willed the famyn to be ratefeid be his Majestie in the nixt parliament that fould happin to be haldin, as also at his perfyte aidge of tuentie ane yeiris. Always gif the King wer myndfull presentlie to have the said castell, the said erle Mortoun defyrit that sum neutrall men fould be keiperis, and namit the erle Buchane, Patrik lord Lyndfay, William lord Ruthuen, or the laird of Lochleavin; sua that he nicht have affurance of releife. The irenis of the counyiehous wes delyverit without forder delay.

Vpone the xvj day of the famyn monethe, the saidis commiffioneris returnit to the Kingis Majestie, and befor theare depairting commandit the bailyeis of Edinburgh to keip ftraite watche at all the pairtes of the toune, to the effect that no moir wictuall fould have paffadge to come to the castell for furnifching therof in the meane tyme, quhill the King maid thame forder advertifment.

Vpone the xvij day of the said monethe, for obedience of this charge, [the bailyeis] tuik the burding vpone thame felffes, thaire proveft being captane of the said castell, and namit George Douglas of Parkhead, ballard

brother to the said erle of Mortoun, and thearthrow partiall in obedience of the said charge, and fet ane number of men at dyvers pairtes of the said toun, for stopping of wiueris to enter to the said castell. And at the west point, vpon the samyn day about fyve houris at evin, the toun watche, perceaving ane or twa calliueris to be caried in to the said castell, stoppit thame at the fute of the castell wynd; and certane of the castalianis perceaving this maiter come furthe of the said castell, to the number of xvj personis or theirby, and perforce wold had the said calliuer with thame. The tounes men resisting conforme to thair derection, the castell men be schotis of hagbutis and pistoletis slew thrie tounsinen, and hurt fyve or sex; and sum of them also hurt, and one flaine, and sua returnit into the castell withoute forder. The tounsinen being inraidgit at that iniurie rellavit, maid certane trinchis that same night before Patrik Eggeris houle for incloising of the castell.

Vpon the same day, David erle of Crafurde, and the said Johne lord Glames, chaunceller, being in Striuling with the King, and ane deadly fead and inimetic standing betuix thame vnreconciled, forgathred together within the said toun foiranent the ladie Maris ludging, betuix fyve and sex houris at evin. Efter the maisteris had past vtheris without ony offer of iniurie, twa of thair seruandis fell in contentioun immediatly thereafter; the one being command vp the freit, and the vther going down, and without forder schot pistoletis on ather sydis at tother; and therwith the said lord Glamis wes schot throche the head, teane thearefter to his ludging, and immediatlie died. The erle of Crafurde wes teane and put in the castell of Striuling: four or fyve of his seruandis hurt, and the remnant escapit. Theare wes also some of the chancelleris men hurt.

Vpon the xix day of the said monethe, Andro erle of Rothes, the said lord Hereis, William lord Ruthuen come out of Sterling as commissioneris for the King, first to Edinburgh, and nixt to Dalkeithe

quheare the erle of Mortoun wes, and yit as of befoir defyrit the castell of Edinburgh to be randerit to the King. The erle Mortoume delayed to the xxv of the said monethe, and then promitted that the samyn shuld be givin over without forder delay, conforme to the Kingis desyre.

Vpone the said xxv day of the sameyn monethe, the said lord Ruthuen, and Alexander Hay directoure of the chancellerie, wes direct out of Sterling from the King, to ressave inuentour of the Kingis jovellis and munitioune being within the said castell of Edinburgh: Patrik lord Lyndsay wes ordeanit to concur with thame, and lie ane iust inuenture.

Vpone the first day of Apryle 1578, ane iust inuenture being maid compleit and endit, of all the Kingis jovellis, his motheris cleithing, tapistrie, munitioune and vtheris, being within the said castell of Edinburgh, the personis haldin culpable of the slauchter of the Edinburgh men wes put out of the said castell, at the postum yet therof, and sufferit to depairte withoute ony persuite, at ane efternounge or therby; and thereafter the said castell wes randerit be George Douglas of Perthead, captane therof, to Johne Cunynghame of Drumquhassell, and [James] Settoun of Touche, commissiouneris direct from the King to ressave the same, and to keip it till the comming of Alexander Erskyne of Gogar, maister of Mar, captane therof appoynted be his hienes, at sex houris at ewin or therby; and certane great artailyearie schot at thair furthecomming.

Vpone the same day, there wes ane parliament proclamit to be haldin the tent of Julij nixt to come.

At this tyme it wes concludit be the nobiletie, that the King shuld cheife counselleris ordinar and extraordinar to him selfe. The names of the ordinaris wer thir; Coline erle of Ergyle, Johne erle of Atholl, Johne erle of Montrose, George erle of Kaithnes, Patrik lord Lyndsay, and the lord Hereis, quhilkis wer for the temporall estait; Alexander Erskyne of Gogar maister of Mar, in absence of William maister of Merchell, the

commendatour of Deir his brother, Robert bischope of Caithnes, and Mark commendatour of Nevbottle for the spirituell estaite; together with William lord Ruthuen, thesaurer, Robert commendatour of Dumfermling, secretar, Mr George Buchannane, keiper of the priuie seall, sir William Murray of Tullibardin knicht, controller, and Mr James M'Gill of Rankillour nether, clerk of register. Certane vtheris lordis wer appoynted to be extraordinar, quhen they wer present to be vpon the counsell, or quhen his hienes sent for thame: thir wer cholin quhill the said tent day of Julij. At the same tyme it wes also ordeanit, that na signatouris of confirmatioun, donatioun, giftes, conductis, respectis nor remissionis shuld pas the sealis, without the samyn wer subscribed be the King and sex of the saidis ordinar counselloris, the chaunceller alwayis being ane, vtherways they shuld tak no effect. At the same tyme Johnne erle of Atholl wes maid chancellor of Scotland.

Vpon the nynt day of the said monethe of Apryle, Johnne erle of Atholl, chancellor, the erle of Montrose, the erle of Eglington, the lord Lyndsay, lord Hereis, the bischope of Cathnes, and the remnant of the Kingis counsell come to Edinburgh, and satt in the tolbuthe therof vpon all maiteris concerning the Kingis Majestie, and his priuie counsell: theare intentioun wes to provyde the suirte of his royall persone, and in the meanetyme to tak sick ordour for quyetnes of the countrie as wes requisit.

Vpon the ellevint day of the said monethe, they sent furthe ane proclamatioun towardis the threfching furthe of the haill cornis of the countrie, quhilk wes mekill commendit be the commone pepill, be resson of the great derthe and skairftie of victuall for the tyme; into the quhilk proclamatioun theare wes commendable statutes comprehendit: as also, having respect to the staite of the countrie, they maid sick statutis and ordinances as wer for the quyetnes of the pepill, to theare great praise.

Vpone the xxvi day of the said monethe, the erle of Mar, being of aidge xvj yeir old, and hasing conceavit ane grudge of befor that Alexander Erkyne of Gogar wes chofen keiper to the King, and he misknawin to be principall, he, withe the abbotis of Dryburghe and Cambuskennethe, and certane vtheris his freindis, enterit within the castell of Sterling, and mannit the waponis being thearin, and war mailteris of the plaice, and pat furthe the erle of Ergyle, quho wes thearin and ordeanit be the lordis of priiue counsell to auait vpon the King; sum wes hurt, and the maister of Maris eldest sone, being ane young springell, deceassit for displeasour. Quhilk discorde efter the lordis of priiue counsell knew, being in Edinburgh for the tyme, they, vpon the xxviiij day of the said monethe, past furthe of Edinburgh to Sterling, quheare they wer ressavit baithe within the toun and plaice, and wreyt for sum of thair freindis to meit thame theare in substantius maner.

In this meanetyme the erle of Mortoun wes in Lochlewin, and the erle of Angus in Dalkeithe, and vpon ane missive sent to the erle of Angus be the King, desyring him to come to Sterling, he conuenit his haill freindis, and went forduard to Linlithgow; and vpon the vther pairt the erle of Mortoun conuenit his haill freindis, to quhat purpois it wes vncertane. The toun of Edinburgh heiring this, suspecting sum evill purpoise to have been devylit, they realit ane band of men of wear, to the number of a hundrethe, and sent thame to Sterling for the preseruatioun of the King. Thir men of wear wer not sufferit to enter theare, bot remanit in Falkirk; and vpon the sevint day of Maij, come with the lordis of counfall to Edinburgh, and the Maister of Mar come with thame, and ressavit the keeping of the castell of Edinburgh that nicht.

At this tyme it wes concludit be the King in Sterling, that reconfiliatioun of the grudge and inimetie wes betuix the erles of Mortoun [Atholl] and Ergyle, sould be maid in Edinburgh; and to that effect

ther wer sex noble men chofen for ather of the pairteis, quhilkis conuenit in Edinburgh vpone the ellevint day of Majj 1578 yeiris.

Alfo at the fame tyme, the erle of Mar and the maifter of Mar compromitted thame selffes to vnderly the fentence and judgement of sex noble men, tuitching the reconciliatioun of the former controuerfie, quhairvpone fun reffonable conditionis wer concludit vpone, to the flay of forder inconuenie[ncie]: quhilkis war in fpeciall, that the erle of Mar fould be principall keiper of the King and the caftle of Sterling, and that the maifter fould come to Edinburgh and be captane theare, and flay to the Kingis comming theareto.

The lordis that wer chofin to pacifie the foirfaid inimetie ftanding betuix the foirfaidis erles of Mortoun, and Ergyle, and Atholl, efter reffoning thearant be the fpace of echt days, could not condifcend vpone the headis and artickelis givin in be the faidis erles to thame: Quhairthrow the Kingis Majeftie wes movit to fend for thame to Sterling, to vnderftand the motioun of thair delay; and vpone the xix day of Majj, at command of his Majefties letter, they red out of Edinburgh to Sterling. At this tyme the erle of Atholl wes commandit to remeane in Edinburgh, and the erle of Mortoun in Dalkeithe.

Vpone the xxij day of the faid monethe, the lordis commiffionaris returnit to Edinburgh, and brocht with thame the erle of Ergyle, quho, for obedience of the Kingis Majefties will and ordinance devyfit in Sterling, vpone the morne with the erle of Atholl and the commiffiounaris paft to Craigmiller, quhair the erle of Mortoun met thame: And efter falutatioun, and reconciliatioun of theare inimitie, they red altogether to Dalkeithe, quhair they dynit, and remeanit quhill fevin houris at evin. And vpone the xxvij, the erle of Mortoun and ather of thame red be thair owin companeis all to Sterling, quhaire the erle of Mortoun wes reffavit the fame nicht within the caftle thairrof, and lay and eat continuallie thearin during his remeaning thairin, hafand more fami-

liaretie with the Kingis Majestie then the erles of Ergyle, Atholl, Montroise or ony vtheris of thair factioun ; hovbeet they had tuye in the day acces to the counsell within the castle.

Vpone the seound day of Junij, the men of wear teane vp be the toun of Edinburgh be found of trumpet in the Kingis name wer dischairgit. At this tyme theare wes ane conuentioun ordeanit to be in Sterling, the tent day of the said monethe, at the quhilk the nobilitie wes wreyttin for to be present, for redrelling of all effearis of the realme ; as also the commissioneris of burrowis wreyttin for to that effect.

At this conuentioun, the erle Mortoun remaining continually within the castle of Sterling nycht and day, accompanied with a guid number of his freindis, enterit in sick familiaretie with the Kingis Majestie and his houshold, that he obteanit all maiteris ordourit at his desyre, and specialle be moyoune of certane commissioneris of burrowis and vtheris that wer vpone the counsell, and had wat thairin. The parliament ordeanit to be haldin at Edinburgh the tent day of Julij nixt, wes ordeanit, efter fensing of the samyn, to be transported to Sterling, quheare the King, be refsonne of his minoretie and inhabilitie to trauell, wes thocht guid be the moift pairt of woiraris to remeane : and sua the erle of Mortonis purpois tuik effect, without respect to the earnest desyre and will of the saidis erles of Ergyle, Atholle, Montroise and vtheris of that factioun, quhilk wes that the parliament sould be in Edinburgh, and the King transportit therto.

Vpone the echt day of Julij, the erles of Ergyle, Atholl and Montroise come to Edinburgh, and vpone the tent day of Julij, causit fense the parliament within the tolbuith theirow.

Vpone the thretteine day of the said monethe of Julij 1578, Patrik lord Lyndsay wes direct from the saidis lordis at Edinburgh to Sterling to the King, with certane artickelis, bearing, That seing it pleased the Kingis Majestie, with advyse of his counsell conuenit at the conuen-

tioun afoirlaid, to have the said parliament haldin at Sterling, they desyrit that the samyn shold be fensit and haldin within the tolbuith thetherof, sua that all noblemen and vtheris hasing woit mycht have frie acces therto; and they being informit that the ladie Maris ludging, and vtheris ludgingis within the said toun of Sterling, wes fortefeid be the freindis and allisteris of the erle of Mortoun and Mar, they alledgit that they could have no frie acces to the said parliament, nor remaine within the said toun for danger of ther lyfes.

It wes answert be the King to the saides artickelis, that thair wes no plaice moir meit for halding the said parliament nor the great hall of Sterling, the present estaite being considderit, [seing] he wes yit of tender yeiris, and had many vnfreindis, the said tolbuith of Sterling being ruinus, and ane dengerus place to commit himself in hazard; and as he thocht it meit, sua luikit they wold yeild to the same, and sua douttit not bot they wald be cairfull of his preseruatioun, and therfoir cannot alter the plaice appoynted. This is not meant to induce a preparatiue heireftir that our parliamentis shalbe haldin in castellis, bot for thir causses and many vtheris, he wes movit presentlie thearevnto. All noble men and vtheris hasing woit in parliament shall have frie acces vnto his hienes: Theare shalbe no fortificatioun of the toun or vther pairtes be maid, except that onlie ane number of tounsmen be appoynted for ane gaird, for keiping pace and quyetnes during the continuance of the said parliament: sua that they may be assurit, his Majestie wilbe moir cairfull that baith the, the nobiletie, and all vtheris resoirting to parliament shalbe in suertie, vnder his saistie and protectioun. The ladie Maris house shalbe no moir hurtfull now nor in tymes past, and sa fall they find his Majestie als cairfull of thaire suertie as of his awin. It is answerit to the secund concerning his Majesties proclamatioun, Treulie gif they had beine with his grace, he wold have beine werie glad of thaire advyses, bot lest the simple peopill shold be suddendlie movit to give

credit, he could doe no les, with adyffe of his counsell and nobiletie present, nor dereſt out the ſame in ſick forme as it is ; quhilk he doubtis not they lyk weill anniche of, ſeing it is onlie meanit of inuius perſonis, reaſeris of bruitis tending to ſeditioun, quhom his grace is aſſurit they miſlyk als weill as he, as theare comming to his Majeſtie will the better teſteſie. To the laſt concerning the jovelis, his hienes wreyt to the maifter of Mar of beſoir, ſchewand that he wes deſyrus to ſie thame, that he mycht yſe ſa mony for his perſone at his parliament as ſould be thoct guid, and gif he reteanit thame ſufficient diſcharge to be maid in parliament ; bot he thoct ſtrainge that ſick diſcharge ſould be ſocht beſoir ſecuiretie could be fund, the act not being returnit yit to be regiſtrat : And thairſoir, in reſuſall his hienes thinkis him ſelff evill handlit.

Vpone the xv [xxv] day of Julij 1578, the ſaid parliament wes ſenſit in the great hall of the caſtle of Sterling, and thairefter proclamatioun wes maid at the mercat croce of Sterling, commanding all eſtates haſing voit to compeir within the hall of the ſaid caſtle vpon the morne, quhaire they ſould have frie acces to enter and voit according to the accuſtomed ordour. At this tyme their come at command of the Kingis letter certan men weill bodin in airmes, furthe of the burrowis of Edinburgh, Glaſgow, Dundie and Perth, to keip gairdhouſe in the toun of Sterling during the tyme of the parliament, ſua that incaice ony infurrectioun ſould bein, they ſould ſtay the ſame. They remainit quhill the xxvj day of the ſaid monethe. Vpone the ſame day, being the xv day of Julij, the erle of Montroiſe wes directit commiſſioner from the lordis at Edinburgh to Sterling.

Vpone the xvj day of the ſame monethe, the King cled in his rob royall, accompanied with the erles of Angus quho buir the croune, the erle of Lennox the ſepter, and the erle of Mar the ſuord of honour, come on fute out of his owin chalmer to the ſaid great hall, and ſat

upone his throne as vfe is. His Majesteis rob royall wes borne vp be the erles of Mortoun, Eglintoun, Glencairne, Errole, Bothuell, Buchane, and lordis Boyde, Yester, Ruthuen, Oliphant, Drummond, and dyverse vtheris theare present. Befoir onie thing wes donne in parliament, the said erle of Montroife proteffit that quhatsoever fould be then donne fould nawayis be preiudiciall to him and the remnant lordis at Edinburgh, nor tak effect, in respect it wes haldin within a castell, and not ane patent tolbuith, quhair frie acces mycht be had to all the leidges of the realme for performance of thaire adois. The King fluid up, and pronuncit and declaired be his awin mouthe in judgement, the plaice to be moift fuire for his owin perfoun; and, feing it wes his will that the parliament fould be haldin theare, the plaice wes conuenient, and nather they, nor vtheris hafing woit, wes stoppit from comming thearinto according to the forme and ordour vfit of befoir.

They proceedit to the cheifing first of the lordis of artickelis, quibilkis wer the erle of Mortoun fuppleing the chancelleris rounge, the erles of Angus, Lennox, Buchane, Eglintoun; the lordis Ruthuen, Boyd, and Ochiltree; the bifchopis of St Androis, Aberdein, Glasgaw, Murray; abbotis Drybruche, Cambuskynnethe, Culros, Glenluce; commissioneris of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundie, Sterling, Glasgaw, Air, and Irwing. No moir donne that day.

Vpone the xvij day of the said monethe, the erle of Montrois and lord Lyndfay wes chairged be the Kingis letter to keip thair ludgingis in Sterling.

Vpone the xvij day, thair wes ane new counfell chofen to the King, quihilkis wer the erle Mortoun, Ergyle, Eglintoun, Roth, Glencairne, Buchane, Lennox; the lordis Boyd, Cathkeart, and Ochiltree; the abbottis of Cambuskynnethe and Dryburghe, befydes the ordinar officiaris.

Vpone the xx day of Julij, the erle of Montroife brak waird, and come out of Sterling; with ane man and him selff past hame quyetlie;

therefter with all poffible diligence returnit to Edinburgh, quheare the erles of Ergyle and Athole wes that fame day agaitwaird to return to thair awin duellingis. Notwithftanding he folowit thame with all expeditioun, and canfit thame returne againe to Edinburgh; quheare efter lang confulting amangis thamefelfes and thaire affifteris, they leavit bandis of men of wear, to fecht for the libertie of the King, deteanit as they faid captine; as alſua directit thaire poſtis away to conueine thaire hail freindis to that effect.

Vpone the xxiiij day of the faid monethe, the lord Lyndſay wes releuit out of his waird in Sterling, and wardit within the boundis of Fyffe.

Vpone the xxvij day, theare wes ane proclamatioun direct furthe from the King and publiſchit at the croce, chairging the proveſt and bailieis that they ſufferit no men of wear to be teane vp, vnder the paine of treafoun. Thir chairges wer diſſobeyit and lichtlie regairdit. The toun of Edinburgh ſent theare excuſe to the King, ſaying that the ſaidis lordis war ſa mony within thair toun, that they durſt not reſiſt thame without hazard of thair lyfes, and tinfell of thair guides. At this tyme the King, the erle of Mortoun, and vtheris being about his Maieſtie, forſeing the denger that mycht folow gif the lordis at Edinburgh war not reſiſted, appoynted certane captanis for leaſing of four bandis of men of wear on fute and twa on horſſe; and directit out his hienes proclamatioun and miſſiues, for conuening the hail forces they mycht mak aganis the tent of Aguiſt nixt.

Vpone the xxviiij day of Julij, captane David Homes drummer being giangand throw the toun of Edinburgh, to leivey men vnder his charge in the Kingis name, the drum wes brokin, and the drummer evill dung be ſum of the lordis foloweris.

In this meane tyme the lordis within Edinburgh wer ane great number, aſſiſted be the Humes and Kerris; they leiveyit thrie hundrethe horſmen, vnder the chairge of Alexander Home of Manderſtoun.

Theare wes vnder the chairge of young Ceffuirde fiftie, vnder my lord Settonis chairge fiftie, my lord Ergyle, Atholl, Montroife, had evrie one of thame als mony vpon theare owin chairges, by thair houlhald and freindis, and four hundrethe futmen, men of wear. At this tyme the Kingis officiaris wes stayed to mak thair proclamatioun, and the samyn rest fra thame at Edinburgh.

At this tyme Mr Bowis, ambassadour resident heir for the Queine of Ingland, feing maiteris pas to great vnquyetnes gif the great raidge had not beine tymuilly preuented, desyrit to trauell betuix the King and the lordis, to pacifie thingis in fa far as he micht, and to that effect reffavit commissioun of the lordis at Edinburgh, to procure a licence at the Kingis handis, to certane lordis quhilkis had brokin waird to trauell in the maiter, and to absteane on baithe sydis fra all inuasioun or perueying of vtheris. He past to Sterling vpon the first of Agust; and efter proponing of his commissioun to the King and counsell, his desyre wes granted. In this meanetyme the erle of Argyles forces wer lyand at Dumbartane, and estimat to xxvj hundrethe hieland men; the erle of Atholis forces estimat to ane thovsand lyand at Carmisloche.

Vpon the tuelt day of Agust, the saidis lordis merchit out of Edinburgh, and come fordward to Falkirk; they wer estimat to xv^c men. The hieland men reafed theare campis that nycht, and met theare maister at the Falkirk. Theare come to thame vpon the morne the maister of Callilis and Bargeany, with four hundrethe horsmen weill arrayit; they wer purposit to fecht for the libertie of the King or elis to die; thair haill number wes estimat to ten thovsand men or therby.

Vpon the same day Mr Bowis come out of the Falkirk to Sterling from the lordis with certane artickelis, and vpon the morne returnit back with ane ansuer; and vpon the same day, the erle of Angus heiring tell of the lordis coming to Falkirk past furthe with iiij^c horf-

men, and red within ane halfe myle to the Falkirk, quhaire certane of his adversaris come out, and maid a litle pricking without skeathe. Theare wes ane James Johnstoun seruitour to the maister of Glamis, and Willie Taite in Ceffurde burne, quho provoikit the said James to brek ane speare for his luifes saik. They ran together; the said Willie wes strickin to the grund and died, the vther throw the thie and litle war. Thus the ambassadour, hasing reffavit anser from the King, returnit the xij day of Agust to the lordis, in the morning, promissing to returne with all expeditioun to schew how the lordis sould be content with the artickelis, in the meanetyne to await his comming. The haill forces within the toun merchit furthe and mustourit at Bannokburne, thinking they sould fecht gif the artickelis war not teane in guid pairt. They remanit on the feildis for thrie hours, and then the ambassadour returnit, and willed on of the artickelis to be mendit, quhairinto the King and his consell condiscendit; and so it wes aggreet vpon the headis efter foloving.

‘ James be the grace of God King of Scotis, to all and fundrie to quhais handis and knavledge thir letters fall come, greating. Witt ye ws for the tender love and affectioun quhilk we bear to all our subiectis, forseing the wrack and calamitie with the quhilk our realme salbe afflicted, gif the present diuisioun and appearant trubles be sufferit to forder proceid, thearefoir, with advyse consent and mature deliberatioun of the lordis of our secreit counsell, to the pleasoure of God and publick quyetnes of our haill realme and subiectis, at the earnest trauelis of our derrest syster the Queine of Ingland be hir ambassadour resident with ws, we have pronuncit, declairit, statute and ordeanit, and be thir our letters pronounces, declaires, statutes and ordeanis as folowis.

‘ First, that all hostiletie fall without ony delay cease, and all forces dissoluit except sum bandis of horfmen alreadie reffavit vpon our chairges, quhilkis bandis we will salbe only employit for the quyetnes of

our borders or vtheris our effairis, and not aganis the lordis at Linlithgow and thair assisteris in this lait actioun.

‘ Forasmikle as we vnderstand and ar suirlye persuadit, that the lordis at Edinburgh for the love and tender affectioun they buir to ws tuik armes, we accept and allowes the samyn sen the tent day of Junij last as guid seruice, and all the pairteis and adherentis in the same acceptit be ws as guid fernandis and subiectis.

‘ We will also that our rycht treast coofing and counsellour the erle of Ergyle fall remaine with our counfall, and remain within our castle of Sterling, with lyk number as ony vther noble man is ludgit therin, faifing the erle of Mar that hes the custodie therof; and the said erle of Ergyle fall have the lyk accese vnto ws and oure eare as ony vther noble man.

‘ We will lykwayis that the erle of Montroise and the lord Lyndsay falbe addit to our counfell, as twa of the thrie appoynted be our lait act of parliament, and the thrid to be nominat quhen we think tyme.

‘ We will call vnto ws acht noble men, with advyse of our derrest sifter and cousinge the Queine of England, and be thair guid assistance will tak ordour, God willing, betuix and the first day of Maij nixtcome, for reconciliatioun of oure nobiletie, to be vnited for all actiounis quhatsoever fallin out amangis thame be occasioun of thir troubles, and finall ending of the samyn.

‘ We will that the keiperis of our castellis of Edinburgh and Dumbartan fall reteine the keeping and custodie of the samyn, vntill we, with advyse of the saidis acht noblemen, give ordour in the cause remem-berit, sa as the samyn may be maid befor the first day of Maij nixtcome at fordest.

‘ Our will and pleasour is that all noblemen, barronis, gentilmen and subiectis comming to ws to doe our deuitfull seruices and guid offices falbe admitted to our prefence and frie speiche, as to guid subiectis apperteanis.

‘ Our will and pleasour is also that the laird of Drumquhassill salbe free from his horning, to the effect he may mak his comptis and thair-
 efter returne to his chairge.

‘ Gevin vnder our signet and subscribit be ws, with avyle of the lordis of our secreit counsell, at the castle of Sterling the xiiij day of August, and of our rignes the tuelft yeir. 1578.’

Vpone the xiiij day of August 1578, the erles of Ergyle, Atholl, Montroise returnit to Edinburgh with thair hail forces except the biele-land men, quha past hame to thair awin countrie. And vpon the xix day of the samyn monethe, the saidis lordis depairtit hame from Edinburgh to thaire awin houffes, quhair they consulted, and met at dyverse tymes at Dunkeld and Kincardin.

At this tyme the lairdis of Ceffuird and Coldinknowis, wardenis for the middel merches, war sent for be the King, for taking ordour with the bordouris. The erle Mortoun and the laird of Coldinknowis falling out in heich termes in Sterling, the laird of Coldinknowis tuk his leive quyettlie of the King, and come away suddanlie hame : the laird of Ceffuird staid sum sex or seven dayis, and thereafter returnit hame efter the defeat of his directioun.

Alwa at this tyme ane captane Strathauquhane having reffavit directioun of the King and his counfall to levey certane men of wear to pas in Flanders, notwithstanding they wer vnderstood to be listid at command of the erle of Mortoun, and that commissioun granted to cullour the maiter, for they meant to man the stepils of Edinburgh and thair-
 with bring the toun vnder subiectioun. In this meanetyme the erle of Atholl past in Fyffe. And in the toun of Couper conuenit to spaik with him Adame Gordoun of Achindoun brother to the erle of Hunt-
 lie, M^rKuntosche, David erle of Craford, sir James Balfure and cer-
 tane of the barronis of Fyfe : and efter a litle commouning with the
 said erle of Atholl, the saidis perfonis and vtheris the barronis of Fyffe,

to quhas plaices he thereafter red, condifendit to his defyre, and fubfcriyvit ane band presentit be him. Thus the faid erle of Atholl maid ane great number in Fyffe of his factioun.

Vpone the ellivint day of September, theare wes a proclamatioun maid at the mercat croce of Edinburgh, tuitching the conyie of the xxx, xx, x, and v shilling peicefe ; the xxx f. peice wes ordeanit to give xxxij f. viij d. and the rest according therto, and to be brocht in to the counyiehous betuix and the first of Merche nixtocome. This wes altogither mislykit be the commone pepill, and speciallie be the inhabitants of Edinburgh. And this fame proclamatioun prohibit any man to refuse the siluer of this reat vnder the paine of dead.

Vpone the xiiij day of September, theare wes a proclamatioun tuitching the electioun of the acht noble men for reconciliatioun of the nobilitie, according to the determinatioun maid at Falkirk. The King electit the persons following, to wit, the erles of Rothesse and Buchane, the lordis Ruthuen and Boyd, for the erle of Montrose factioun ; Hereis, Ogilbie and Innerneath, for the erle of Ergyle and Atholis factioun. And to that effect ordeanit thame to meet at Sterling vpon the xx day of September instant, and to await thairvpone quhill the first day of Maij nixt, to treat vpon all actionis and greiffes fallin out amangis the nobilitie throw occasioun of the lait trubilis ; and ordeanit all persons skaithed at the saidis trubles to give in thair complaynt to the saidis lordis and they shold be hard.

Att this tyme the King fend to the proveist and bailyeis of Edinburgh, defyring thame be his letter to come to his Majestie for ordour taking about the electioun of new magistratis, in respect the tyme of Michelmes was approaching. The counsell of the town wold not condifend that the proveist shold pas thither, bot sent two of thair bailyeis, twa decanis, and twa of thair counsell ; quho ressavit ane answer of the King, bot returnit back with a charge, chairging the proveist to come him

leſſt vnder the paine of horning. The proveſt at command of this chairge paſt to Sterling.

Vpone the xxviiij day of September, being Michelmas ewin, the erle of Atholl come to Edinburgh [with] Alexander Home of Manderſtoun, Coldinknowis, Ceffurd and the lord Settoun. And within fyve dayis thairefter the erles of Ergyle and Montroiſe come to Edinburgh, quhaire they devyſit to fend the Ingliſche ambaffadour and the lord Lyndſay to Sterling, to deſyre the erle of Mortoun leave the caſtle thair of. He condifcendit to pas thairout within aucht dayis; appoynting in the meane tyme that fyve nobilmen ſould meit for ather partie vpone the xvj day of Oſtober nixt at Inueresk kirk, to comoune vpone all debatis betuix the erles of Ergyle and Athol on the one pairt, and the erle of Mortoun on the tother. The names of the perſonis appoynted for Ergyle and Atholl wer the erle of Montroiſe, Mark commendatour of Nevbotle, ſir James Balfour pryour of Pittinweyme, the laird of Barganie and Peter Hay bailie of Erroll; and for the erle of Mortoun, Robert erle of Buchane, Robert commendatour of Dumfermling, Robert lord Boyd, ſir John Gordoun of Lochinvar knicht and Mr James Haliburton proveſt of Dundie, &c. Vpone the threttein day of Oſtober, the erle of Mortoun come out of Sterling to Calder, and vpone the morne to Dalkeithe.

Vpone the ſaid xvj day of Oſtober, the perſonis befor namit met at Inueresk, and delayit the maiter quhill the morne to meit at Libertoun; and on the nixt day met at Edinburgh, and then at Nevbotle. And efter the aggriement of all maiteris, the erles of Atholl, Ergyle and Mortoun, with the perſonis namit of befor, met vpone the xxiiij of the ſame monethe in Leithe, and theare dynit altogether at one buird in Walter Cantis houſe, and efter denner tuik guidnicht at the end of the linkis narreſt Leithe, and departed.

Vpone the xxiiij of the ſaid monethe, the erles of Ergyle and Mon-

troife past out of Edinburgh to Sterling to the King. Schortlie thair-
after, about the tuelt of November, theare was a generall conuentionoun
of the haill nobiletie appoynted to be haldin at Sterling castle the fyftein
day of January nixt, quheare ordour sould bein takin with the Kingis
houfe. This conuentionoun wes continowit to ane parliament to be
haldin theare the fyft of Merche nixt thairefter.

Vpone the vj day of Merche 1578, the said parliament wes fencit
within the great hall of Sterling, and continowit fyve or sex dayis to the
incomming of the nobiletie. Vpone the tuelt day of the said monethe,
Atholl and Montrose come into Sterling to the parliament. The erle
of Atholl being chancellor for the tyme wes long luikit for befor his
comming, bot being diseasit be a fair leg could not guidlie trauell. At
this tyme theare wer present Coline erle of Ergyle, Archibald erle of
Angus, John erle of Atholl chancellor, James erle of Mortoun, Hew
erle of Egglintoun, John erle of Mar, Andro erle of Rothes, John
erle of Montrose; the lordis Hereis, Boyd, Ruthuen, Cathkeart,
Ochiltre and Inuermeathe.

Vpone the xvj day of Merche, the King being inquiryt be his counsell
quhair he thocht guid to mak his residence, he declaired he wold mak his
residence within the castle of Sterling quheare he wes brocht up, quhill
he saw forder, and wold pas no quheare elis bot to the park in fymmer
tyme, allenerlie for his pastyme and recreatioun. And inquiring of his
counsell quhat they thocht of that, they ansuerit, seing it wes his Majesties
owin will and pleasour, they could not disflagrie thairfra, provyding
that the erle of Mar and his suirteis bund for him in the keiping of the
King sould be no forder astricted bot within the castle allenerlie, and
not withoute; quhairvpone ane act of counfall wes ordeanit to be maid.
Vpone the xvij day of the said monethe, this parliament wes ordeanit
to be desert, and none to be at all till new warning wer maid.

Vpone the xvj day of Apryle 1579, the erle of Atholl, chancellor,

past furthe of Sterling that nicht to K neardin werie feik and il at ease, and vpon the tuentie fourt day thair of deceissit theare. And being oppinit, vpon the declaratioun of the doctouris and hypothecaris present that theare wes poyfoun within the corpis, the laird of Garntullie his sifter sone and certane vtheris his freindis come to the King, and freeilie declaired that he wes poyfomit.

Immediatlie hearefter it wes condiscendit vpon be the King and his counsell, that the nobiletie shuld pas with all thair forces vpon Johne commendatour of Abberbrothock, and Claud commendatour of Paflay, and theare partakeris knavin culpable of the murthouris of the erles of Lennox and Murray, his Majesteis guidler and vncle, for bringing of thame befor the iustice to be punischt for thair demeritis. For the quhilk effect theare wer iiij^c waidged men teane vp vpon the Kingis expensse. And vpon the fourt day of Maij, for putting of this quyetlie devyfit purpos to executioun, the erle of Mar being accompanied with a number of his freindis, past furthe of Sterling at acht houris at ewin, and met the erles of Mortoun and Angus in Hamiltoun vpon the morne, quheare they incloft the castle of Hamiltoun, quhilk wes fortefeid with men and victualis. The houffes of Draffen and Paflay wer in lykmaner fortefeid.

The saidis abbotis of Abberbrothok and Paflay wer not in theare strenthes, bot conuoyed thame selfes quyetly to sick pairt as no man knowis.

Vpon the fyft day of Maij, according to the Kingis proclamatioun, commanding all his subiectis als weil to burghe as to land to reafe and meit his Majesteis leiftennentis at Hamiltoun, the toun of Edinburgh merchit furthe therof to Linlithgow, quho wer estimat xv^c men weil arrayed. Quho, howbeet they wer moift willing to theare jorney, yit the King be his letter stayed thame, and willed thame to furnishe twa hundrethe men of wear to the assaidge of Hamiltoun allenerlie, vpon

theare expensse ; quho willinglie yeildit and fent the same thither with expeditioun. At this tyme theare wes certane artailyearie transportit furthe of Edinburgh, Sterling and Dumbartane, to assaidge the castle of Hamiltoun.

Vpone the xiiij day of Maij, David commendatour of Dryburche wes fent be the lordis at Hamiltoun to the King, with certane artickles gevin furthe to thame be the keiperis of the castle of Hamiltoun, promittand to rander, gifand thame thair lyfes with bag and baggadge. It wes anfuert that his hienes wold graunt na mercie to sicker as wes knowin culpable of the murthouris, bot wold graunt the fauor requyrit to the innocent, and sicker as wold byd assyse of the saneyn.

Vpone the xvij of the same monethe, the castle of Draffin wes gevin over and teane be young sir James Hamiltoun vpon ane accident. At this tyme Paflay wes randerit to the maister of Glencairne, and be him at the Kingis command to the persone of Campsie.

Vpone the xix day of Maij at twa eftirnone, the hous of Hamiltoun wes randerit be ane contentioun fallin betuix the giltie and innocentis of the murthouris. Quhilk being givin over wes ordeanit be the King and his counsell to be dimolischit to the grund. The personis suspect wer Arthour Hamiltoun of Muretoun, Archie his sone, Arthour of Boduelhauche, William Murehead brother to Lachope, John of Sillertounhill and Thomas Warrok : Arthour wes put to ane assyse and hangit in Sterling, the rest committed to feuerall wairdes.

Vpone the tuelt day of Junij at fyve houris in the morning, the King pass furthe at the yet in the nether bailye, and returnit at fevin houris from the perk to the castle, quheare he enterit in at the foir yet ; and the first wes the first tyme the King come furthe to the seildis accompanied only with his owin domestickis.

Vpone the xvj day of Junij, the lady Atholl, and certane of the erle of Atholis freindis, and the doctouris and chirurgiane quho wer present

at the oppining of the said erle of Atholl, hasing repairit to Sterling to give tryell quhither the said erle wes poiffonit or not, the saidis doctoris and chirurgianis, efter long reffoning, declairit in presence of the Kingis Majestie that he wes poiffonit, and that theare wes poyfoun within his corporis, quhilk wes the occasioun of his deathe.

Vpone the xvij day of Junij, thair come a Frencheman namit Monfiour Naw, as ambassadour from the Queine of Scotland then in Ingland, naming our King onlie Prince, and presented him felse first to the castle of Edinburgh, desyring to spaik with the maister of Mar captane therof; quheare he gat no entres, bot [wes] refusit quhill first he presented his messadge to the King.

Vpone the morne thairefter, the said ambassadour past from Edinburgh to Sterling, and being earnest to dischaarge his messadge to the King, vpone the xix day desyrit his hienes presence. Bot his missiue letter being direct vpon the back with thir termes, *TO OUR SONE THE PRINCE OF SCOTLAND*, not naming him King, lykas the said ambassadour refusit to acknowlege him as King be his messadge, the counsell and nobiletie present therfor thocht it meit that he sould have no presence at all, and that his messadge sould be no forder hard and ansuerit: quhairvpone he depairted but presence of the King, vpon the xx day of the samyn monethe.

Vpone the levint day of Julij, the corporis of the said erle of Atholl being brocht and conuoyit to Dumblayne, wes caried furthe therof the direct way to Dunfermling, quheare they remanit that nycht; and vpon the morne past furthe with to Edinburgh, quheare a great number of freindis wes conuenit to the buriell; and vpon the tent day wes honorablie conuoyit with his freindis from Haliroudhous to St Jeilis Kirk, quheare he wes buried at the east fyde of the alter on the south fyde of the church namit.

At this tyme theare wes a generall conuentioun appoynted to be at

Sterling, vpone the ferd day of Aguft, anent ordour taking for the Kingis removing.

At quhilk tyme it wes aggreet, that the parliament appoynted to be haldin at Edinburgh vpone the xx day of Oðtober nixt, fould then proceid in the fame plaice. It wes alfo then concludit, that the King fould remove furthe of Sterling to Edinburgh vpone the xxiiij day of September nixt, how, and in quhat maner he fould be conuoyit. Vpone the tent day of Auguft, Coline erle of Argyle wes woited in counfall, and creat chancellor.

Vpone the tuelt day of Auguft, ane William Trumbill and William Scot wes hangit at the croce of Ste ling for making of certane ballatis, quhilkis wer thocht hable to faw difcorde amangis the nobiletie. And this wes thocht ane new preparative, feing none had beine execut for the lyk of befoir. Notwithftanding quhearof, in the fkailing of the pepill from the execution, thair wes ten or tuelff inuectiue and difpytfull letters fund in proes, tending mikle to the difpraise of the erle of Mortoun and his prediceffouris.

In this meanetyme thair arryvit in Irland ten thovfand Spanyeardis. Vpone the feventeine day in the night, and xvij in the morning, thair blew fick ane tempeft at the hearing dreav of Dunbar, that parfichit iij^{xx} fifcher botis and brie hundrethe men.

Vpone the xx day of Auguft, the King dynit in the caftle of Doune, and returnit to his fupper at Sterling. Vpone the xxv day of Auguft, the King red to Alloway, quhair efter he had ftayed four dayis, he returnit to Sterling.

Vpone the aucht day of September 1579, the lord Obinie, being the Kingis guid fcheris brother fone, come in Scotland, and landit at Leithe accompanied with xx perfonis; and vpone the morne wes conuoyit to Edinburgh be the abbay, and met at the nether bow be the proveft, balyleis, and honefteft burgeffes of the toun.

Vpone the xv day of the faid monethe of September, the lord Obyiny come to Sterling, and gat prefence of the Kingis Majestie in the great hall within the castle of Sterling; he wes a man of comlie proportioun, ciuile behauiour, readbeardit, honest in conuersatioun, weil lyk it of be the King and a pairt of his nobiletie at the first.

Vpone the xxix day of September 1578 [9], his Majestie tuik journey from Sterling to Edinburgh, notwithstanding of ane great wynd quhilk threatin thair stay: he dynit at Doneypeace, and sovpit in the palace of Linlithgow. He come to Halyrudhous the nixt nicht; and comming by the long geat, the toun of Edinburgh met him in thair armes, [theare] being [with him] twa thousand horfmen or therby, and as the castle schot so did they give him ane woley: he wes ane great delyt to the beholderis.

At this tyme the accomplisment of the mariadge betuix Monfieur de Allanfoun brother to the King of France, and the Queine of England wes in handis and desyrit earnestly of hir: bot the nobilletie wes far against [it,] supposing ane inconuenient to inschew thairvpone.

Vpone Fryday the xvj day of October, his Majestie maid his entrance in Edinburgh. He come furthe of Dalkeithe quhair he had bein at banket four dayis of befoir; he enterit at the West Point, quhair he wes met be the honest men of the toun cled in filk gounis lynit with weluet, to the number of j^e, vling sick ceremonies as wes requisit for a prince.

Vpone the xx day of the faid monethe, being the first day of the parliament befoir wreyttin, the magistratis of Edinburgh propynit the King with ane goldin copbuid, estimat to sex thousand merkis.

Vpone the xxiiij of the samyn monethe, the King come to the tolbuith of Edinburgh; befoir quhom the croune wes borne be Archbald erle of Angus, the sceptor be Coline erle of Ergyle, the fuord be Robert erle of Lennox.

The lordis of artickelis wer chofin this day, quhairof the erle of Mortoun, Ergyle, Rothcs, Lennox, Egglintoun, Montroife, the lordis Lyndfay, Ruthuen, bifchopis St Androis, Glasgow, Orknay, Aberdeen, Robert commendatour of Dunfermling, Dryburghe, Culros, Deir, &c.

Vpone the ellevint and tuelt dayis of November, the King come to the tolbuithc of Edinburgh, quhair the parliament wes concludit. In this parliament the commendatouris of Abberbrothok and Paflay, with fyfteine of thair number wer forfalted, and thaire leivingis difponit. Paflay wes difponit to John erle of Mar.

In the monethe of Januar 1579, mairadge wes folemnizat betuix John erle of Atholl and the lord Ruthuenis dochter.

Vpone the xv day of Februar, the King departed from Edinburgh to Sterling, accompanied onlie with his owin houfhould and dependenis. Efter the Kingis faying in Sterling ane litle fpace, the lord Obynnice wes maid erle of Lennox, be the voluntar dimiffioun of the Kingis uncle Robert, thereafter ftylit erle of Merche.

At this tyme his Majeftie, hafing conceavit ane inuaird affectioun to the faid lord Obynnice, enterit in great familiarctie and quyet purpoiffes with him, quhilk being vnderftood to the minifteris of Edinburgh, they cryed out continually aganis atheaftis and papiftis that roundit in continually in the Kingis earis, faying it wald turne to his Majefties ruine, and the hurt of the trew profeflouris. Quhairvpone the King defyrit the faid erle to confer with fum of the miniftrie vponc the poyntis of religioun, quho willinglie granted, and promitted to give a confeffion of his faithe betuix that and the firft of Junij nixtocome. Vpone the xvj day of Merche 1578 [9], the faid erle of Lennox departed from Sterling to Edinburgh quhair he remainit, and finally, befoir his returning to Sterling, geve confeffion of his faithe in prefence of the proveft, bailyeis, counfell and communetie, and promitted, efter the fubfcriving of the artickelis therof, not only to ratifie the fame befoir the King, bot

to die thairfor gif neid beis, defyryng thame to esteime it ane vpricht and finfeire zeale without hypocretie.

In this meanetyme thair wes ane deadlie inimitie betuix the erle of Mortoun and Ergyle, arryryng vpone ane repoir that come to the King, that the erle of Mortoun fould [have] transportit the King from Halyrudhous to Ingland. Quhairvpone folowit that in a general conuentionoun in Sterling vpone the xxvj of Merche, amangis vtheris thingis, the erle of Mortoun geve in ane bill to the King, publicklye declairing that quhofoever he wes that brutit him of the afoirsaid calummie, he lied in his throate, and gif his Majestie geve eare to suche reportis of his nobiletie, it wold bring on great inconuenences to him selfe, his esteate and pepill.

Vpone the penult day of Apryle, Mr Bowis Inglishman come in ambassadage from Ingland to the King, anent the treating vpone maiteris of the borderis.

At this tyme the King tuik progres from Sterling be Perth to Dynnotar. Vpone the xxv day of Junij, thair wes ane great wynd that bred fundrie diffeases lesting for thrie dayis, and maid aidged personis depairt. Vpone the xij of August the King returnit, and come from Sterling to Halyroudous, quhair he remanit with his houshold.

Vpone the [ij] day of September, Mr Bowis wes sent ambassadour from Ingland, with ane general letter to the King and counsell, and with credit to him selff. The counsell being fet, he wald not dischairge his commissioun quhill the erle of Lennox wes removit, quhill being denyed, the King sent the lyk ambassadour with the lyk letter and credit to the Queine, and he steyed vpon ansuer.

At this tyme John Dounie brocht the pest in Scotland in his schip quhairin war xl personis the maist pairt dead; directit to stay at St Colmsfinche.

In this meantyme vpone the day of October, John erle of Mar

was married in Kincardin vpon the lord Drummond's dochter, quhair the King was present. And the lord Ruthven returning thairfra coming by Dupling, vpon ane suddand chatmel wes onbefat be the maister of Olyphant, quhair one Steuart brother sone of Trackquaire wes slaine : my lord only steyed with sex or fevin of all the number being lviij or thairby. Quhairvpon the lord and maister of Olyphant wes chairged to answer super inquirendis afor the counsell, vpon the penult of November, during quiche tyme cartalis past betuix thame, bot tuik no effect. Heirefter my lord and maister of Oliphant's compeirit with thair assisteris to vnderly the law ; thair could not then be had a sufficient assyse, and so the maister wes continovit : bot the puir men als weill on the one syde as vther clenyt. In the meantyme the lord Oliphant and maister wer fugitiues.

Schortly efter the guid mane of Northbervick wes sent ambassadour to Ingland, for inquiryng the cause of Mr Bowis refusing to vtter his commissioun, and quhat shuld bein the meaning of certane wordis of the generall letter ; as alswa to seik hir assistance for repressing the insolencies of the borderis ; and last for ordour taking with pirraties vsit aganis Scotis merchandis. Quho returnit with ane generall answer.

Vpon the last day of December 1580, James erle of Mortoun wes accusit befor the King and counsell betuix four and fyve houris after-noun, be captane James Steuart, of the abhominable murder of the King's Majestie his father, and the person of Glasgow. A Douglas wes declairit be directioun of the said erle to have bein at the deid doing. The same night the erle wes commandit to keip waired within his house in Halyroudhouse, vnder the paine of treason, and in Januar thairefter wes committed to the castle of Edinburgh, quhair nane wes sufferit to intercomoun with him, bot his four seruandis that did serue him. The said Mr Archbald Douglas lykwayis, being chairged at his

houfe in Morayne, could not be apprehendit : and fir James Balfour wes new come out of France quyety in Edinburgh.

Vpone the xvijj day of Jannar 1580, the erle of Mortoun wes conuoyed from Edinburgh caſtle to Dumbartane caſtle, with the erle of Glencairne, the lord Seattoun, Robert Steuart ſewar of Orkney, the tutour of Caſſilis, Bargany, Coldinknowis, Alexander Home of Manderſtoun and twa hundrethe hagbutteris of Edinburgh. The nicht befoir, certane perſonis cryed aloud to the caſtle, that gif the captane ſufferit him not to come furthre, the erle of Angus wald reuenge the quarrell vpon him. At quhilk tyme certane men of Edinburgh attendit the King baithe nicht and day. At quhilk tyme the erle of Angus geve up kyndnes with the erle of Lennox.

Vpone the ſame day Mr Randolphe, ambaffadour fra the Quene of Ingland, come, and vpon the morne gat prefence. The ſaid ambaffadouris petitionis wer, firſt, that the erle of Lennox ſould be remouit of the cuntrie, becauſe, as wes evident be ane letter produced from the biſhop of Roſe, he had traffick with the papiftis, and wes ſent for ane intelligence to the execution of the counfell of Trent. [Secundlie,] he deſyrit that the erle of Mortoun ſould be put to tryell, and that Mr Archbald Douglas mycht have libertie to come home to ſuffer the tryell of ane aſſyſe [without tortour], and that fir James Balfour, quho wes returnit to Scotland, mycht be teane, layd handis on and tryed as culpable of the murthour of his father. Thir wer the ſpeciall headis. Efter proponing quhairof he threattned wear, incaice he fulfilled not the effect of his petitionis. Lykas thair wes ane great number of men of wear quho come to Beruick, and geve occaſioun to the King and counfall to fear the inſchewing of wear vpon the realme ; and chairged all men betuix ſextie and ſexteine, to be radie to meit the King and his leiſtennent, at quhat tyme and quhair he ſould appoynt thame be the nixt proclamatioun, and the haill ſchirefdomes of the realme.

The anſueris to the ambaffadouris petitionis war thir : Tuitching the erle of Lennox and his removing, he declaired that he wes his cheife kynſman, and to his knawledge not giltie of ſuche crymes as wer impute, and except he wer fund giltie efter tryell, he could not remove him vpon the ſicht of the copie of ane letter. Nixt, the erle of Mortoun can not be put to a tryell quhill Mr Archbaldis tryell firſt proceed, be reffoune he wes accuſit as ane actuall committer of the ſlauchter, and ſent be the erle of Mortoun to that effect. Tuitching the tryell of the ſaid Mr Archibald without tortour, it is anſuerit it can not ſtand with the Kingis honour to enter in condition with his owin ſubiect, ſpeciallie in regaird of his cryme, quhilk can not be tried without tortour. As to ſir James Balfour, it wes anſuerit that his Maieſtie knew not that he wes in Scotland.

Vpon the xx day of Februar, thair wes a conuention of the nobility and eſtates at Edinburgh, quhairat John erle of Montroiſe was maid leiſtennent vpon the borderis ; quhilk office he refuſit to accept bot vpon ſum conditionis, quhilk wes that he ſould have xv^c ſutmen and v^c horſmen under waidges to paſs with him to the borderis ; for payment quhair of thair wes ane taxation of xl^m pundis granted to be vp-lifted of the haill realme. He requyred the aſſiſtance of the noble men, barronis and gentlemen duelland within his leiſtennendrie.

Vpon the xxv day of Februar, the erle of Angus, preſent at the convention, ſlipped out of Edinburgh in the nicht, vpon a certane knawledge had of hiſ letters paſt betuix the erle of Montroiſe and lady Angus, quhilk buir that gif the erle of Angus war wardit, then they might meet with uther at thair pleaſer : thir letters war thocht heirefter to be forged, as it appeared they wer indeid.

Vpon the xiiij day of Merche, George Auchinleck of Balmano was teane be captane James Steuart tutour of Arrane, and put to the tortour vpon certane crymes he wes accuſit of, and ſpeciallie of the mur-

thour of the erle of Atholl, and supprying of the Abbay of Halyrond-houfe, taking of the King furth therof, and of the plot for transporting him to England, and of reafing of fyre in Edinburgh at four feuerall pairtes. To this he anfuerit as folowethe, in generall maner denying flatlie the accufationis. Bot ane Alexander Lavfoun, feruitour to the erle of Mortoun, moift privie to the laid erle his effearis, efter tortour wes presentit, he confeft ane pairt of the conspiracie, and quhair the erles gold and money wes, together with fundrie vtheris thingis quhilkis wer not knawin of befoir.

At this tyme the erle of Angus, being fufpected to be of mynd to bring in England, and to mak defection from the Kings obedience, wes charged to enter his perfone in waird be north the watter of Spay, as alfo to rander his houfe of Tamptalloun and Douglas, quhilkis he diflobeyit alluterlie. Theare wes fundrie vtheris of the erle of Mortounis freindis, and speciallie his twa fones, James pryour of Plufcardie, and Archbald Douglas of Pittindreich, John Carmichell of that ilk, the laird of Maines [and] Perkhead charged to anfuer fuper inquirendis; quhilk charge they lykwayis diflobeyit, and funmondis of treatoun direct aganis thame. At this tyme the laird of Lochlevin being charged enterit, quho wes wairdit beyond Cromartie.

At this tyme, Mr Randolphe, remaining a guid fpaice, practifing certane craftie conspiracies to the prejudice of the King and counsell, and at lenthe diflapoynted, being thocht authour of the aforefaid conspiracie tuitcheing the transporting of the King to England, he efter this culourit exeufe, threattnit present wear, and depairted hameward fudandlie.

Vpone the v day of Apryle, fir John Settoun, fone to the lord Settoun, wes direct ane ambaffadour from the King to the Queene of England, with a commiffioun to treat vpon the present occaffioun of peax and wear: and, within thrie dayis efter his depairting, wes flayit at

Berwick, quhilk wes thocht ane strainge noveltie, that ane frie ambaffadour, hafing neid of no passport, fould be flayed. Within aucht or nyne dayis, the said sir John returnit backward from Bervick to the King.

At this tyme captane James Steuart wes maid erle of Arrane and lord Hamiltoun, freelie difponit to him be the King. And in this meanetyme, the Ingliſche forces that wer lyand vpone the frontieris wer diffoluit withoute motioun of forder wear.

Thearefter the King come to Settoun, quhair he remainit fyve or ſex dayis; and from thence to Dalkeith, quhaire he concludit with his counfell to fend for the erle of Mortoun from Dumbartane to the caſtle of Edinburgh, and to byd tryell of ane inquyft. At quhilk tyme certane men, fauoureris of the erle of Mortoun, wer commandit of the toun ten myles, vnder the paine of dead.

Vpone Tyfday the therd day of Maij 1581, the erle of Montroiſe and captane James Steuart erle of Arrane, accompained with theare freindis and certane men of wear, come to Dumbartane, and tranſported the erle of Mortoun.

Vpone the xxvij day of Maij, the said erle of Mortoun come to Edinburgh, and wes put in Robert Gourlayis houſe, quhair he wes ſiurlie keipit be certane bandis of men of wear.

Vpone the firſt day of Junij 1581, the ſaid erle of Mortoun wes put to tryell, and brocht to the tolbuith of Edinburgh, quhair he wes accuſit be James erle of Arrane, and Mr Robert Crichtoun the Kingis aduocat, of the treaſonable murthour of the Kingis father, and of dyverſe utheris treaſonable crymes perpetrat be him. He wes put to the knavledge of ane aſſyſe for the ſame; the names quhairof war Coline erle of Ergyle chancellor, James erle of Glencairn, John erle of Montroiſe, Hew erle of Egglintoun, Andro erle of Rothies, Alexander erle of Sutherland, George lord Settoun, James lord Ogilby, John lord Maxwell, Hew lord Summervell, James lord Innermeathe, ſir John Gor-

down of Lochinvar knycht, the laird of Wachtoun, the maister of Leivingstoun, sir John Learmonthe of Dearfie and the laird of Killythe: the said erle of Montroise wes chancellor of the assyse. The said erle of Mortoun wes convict of airt and pairt for knavledge and conceiling of the murthour of the Kingis father, as wes cleared be sundrie instrumentis and instructionis producit befor the assyse, quhair of sum wer subscribit with his awin hand, and utheris be the handis of sick personis as wer actualle present at the committing of the said murthour. And thearefor dome wes pronuncit, that he shuld be hanged, headit, quartered and drawin.

Vpone the secund day of the said monethe of Junij, the said erle of Mortoun wes brocht to the mercat croce of Edinburgh, and theare beheadit. Being on the scaffald, he declaired that the erle of Bothuele, principall committer of the deid, come to him, and desyrit him to subscrieve a band for perpetrating of the samyn. Quhilk band he refusit to subscrieve, without the erle of Bothwell procurit the Queinis warrand to him thervpone; and sua the erle of Bothwell, not content with his answer, come never againe to suite him to the afoirsaid purpois. Alwayis he knew of the deid, and conceilit the samyn, and therfore meritithe deathe. And forder declaired vpon his conscience, that he never meanit any hurt or prejudice to his Majestie, and that he had alwayis behavit him selfe as his dewtifull and obedient subiect, and shuld bein as guid a legge as the King had in Scotland. He had great comfort that he died a cristiane, in the trew and sincere professioun of religion, quhilk he cravit all the faithfull to folow, and abyde therat to the deathe. His head wes put up vpon the tolbuthe of Edinburgh, and his bodie buried heall.

All this tyme the court wes füllelie gydit be the erles of Lennox and Arrane, and quhatsoever wes doune wes socht by thame onlie. Vpon the morne, ane John Bynning feruitour to Mr Archbald Douglas, quho

declaired that he wes presnt at the said murthour, wes hanged, headit, quarterit and drawin. Vpone the sext of Junij 1581, the said James erle of Arrane wes married vpone dame Elifabeth Steuart lady Lovit, befor the erle of Merche his wyfe, bot diuorsit becaufe his instrument wes not guid.

Vpone the [xv] day of August, the erldome of Lennox wes creat in ane deukrie, the lordschip of Dernlie in a erledome, and Tarboltoun in ane lordschip, and thereafter he wes namit diuk of Lennox, erle Dernlie, lord Tarboltoun, Obynnie and Dalkeithe, heiche chalmerlane &c., and proclamatioun maid heirvpone at the mercat croce of Edinburgh, be found of trumpet, heraldis, and utheris necessarie ceremoneis.

Vpone the xxix day of August 1581, the King maid progres from Edinburgh to Glasgou, and returnit to Edinburgh vpone xvj day of October 1581. At this tyme fundrie packetis tint in the Kingis chalmer. Vpone the xxiiij day of October, the parliament wes fenfit in the tol-buith of Edinburgh, quhaire the King come vpone the penult, accompanied with his nobiletie in rich attyre. Onlie the lordis of artickelis wer chofen that day.

Vpone the Sunday, being the day preceeding, certane erles wes belted in Halyroudhous; viz. Efne diuk of Lennox, erle Dernlie, lord Obynnie, Dalkeithe, Torboltoun, Aberdoure, knyght of Cruikstoun, great chalmerlane of Scotland; James erle of Arrane, lord Hamiltoun, knyght of Kynneill; Robert erle of Orkney, lord Chetland, knight of Birfay; William erle of Govrie, lord Ruthuen and Dirdltoun; and John erle of Mortoun, lord Maxwell, lord Esdaill and Kairlille, knight of Mernis. The diuk had sex knychtis, Arrane four, Govrie twa, Mortoun thrie.

Vpone the xj of November being Sunday, the maister of Ogilvie wes married vpone the erle of Govreis dochter in Halyroudhous, quheare theare wes great triumphe, especially vpone Weddnisday at nicht great fyre work.

Vpone the xxviiij of November 1581, the King come to the tolbuthe ; the diuk of Lenox buir the crowne, the erle of Huntly the fuord, the erle of Ergyle the fuord of honour. At quhilk tyme certane perfonis wer forfeited, as these that trafficked with Ingleishe nobility conspyred aganis the Kingis father, and persuaiding the Ingleishe nobelitie to leviat ten thovsänd men, to be brocht vpon the fronteiris for releiving the erle of Mortoun; viz. Archbald erle of Angus &c., Mr Archbald Douglas perfone of Glasgou, John Carmichell elder, and Hew Carmichell younger of that ilk, Douglas pryour of Plufcardein, the erle of Mortounis bastard, and the laird of Spot, sicklyk and read Heckie Douglas. The samyn day, Andro Gray of Donywald wes forfeited for reafing fyre, and burning ane pairt of Readcastell; and ane Thomas Rorestoun for adulterus and fals money counyeid.

Vpone the morne the penult day of the said monethe, the diuke come nocht to the tolbuthe, bot his plaice and the careing of the crowne supplied be the erle of Huntlie; the erle of Ergyle buir the septeour, and Atholl the fuord. It wes thocht that he absented him selff becaufe of ane discord fell out betuix the lord Settoun [and] fir John Settoun his sone. Many protestationis this day. And becaufe the lord Settoun and his sone wer commandit to thair ludgingis, it wes thocht that sum inconveniencies fould folow. At quhilk tyme also the diuk and erle of Arrane, efter fundrie myntis, fould fochtin the combat, and thearvpon arrease a suspitioun of the diuk his relligioun, and the maintenance of the murthereris of the Kingis father.

Vpone the xviiij day of December, the King past out of Edinburgh to Dalkeith. Vpone the day of Januar, the ladie Arrane wes delyverit of ane sone in Halyroudhous. The King wes desyrit to the baptisme, bot in respect of the grudge betuix the diuk and him wes stayed. Lykas the King fend a letter wreyttin and subscribed with his awin hand to the Arrane, desyring him to compeir befor the counfall the

first day of Februar, for furranderin his office of the captanrie of the gairde; quhilk the said erle obeyed, and compearit, and brak his battoun. Efter his declaratioun of his cairfull keping of the King, quhair of he obteanit difchairge, he craued ane warrand to transport him selff of the countrie for fyve yeiris, and that he mycht have ane warrand for reconfiling the erle of Atholl, Crafurde and maister of Glamis, anent thair deadlie feadis.

At this tyme John erle of Mar wes fend for, being out of the countrie, and reponit to his wonted credit with the King, and had his eare. At this tyme Arrane depairted furthe of Edinburgh to Kynneil, quhair he remanit to the vij day of Marche 1581, and the samyn day returnit to Edinburgh to court; and then the diuk past to Dalkeithe. Vpone the [vij] day of the said monethe, the King went to Dalketh to ane banket, quhaire the erle of Arrane come on the morne, and the reconfiliatioun concludit theare. Vpone the xxj day of Marche, the King ryding to Sterling dynit be the way in Kynneill.

At this tyme the bischoprick of Glasgow waicand in his Majesteis handis throw the deceise of bischope Boyd last bischope, the diuk trauellit and effectuall with the King the making of Mr Robert Mongomerie minister of Sterling. Aganis the quhilk, baithe the deane and chapter and haill ministrie opponit in pulpit, publictly exclaming baithe aganis his doctrine, lyfe and conuersatioun, and intented proces of excommunicatioun aganis him for feiking the samyn, alledging that it had the warrand of the dewill and not of the word of God, bot wes damnit thairby. Notwithstanding quhair of, the King preferrit Mr Robert to the bischoprick, and he wes so acknavlegit be the King, counsell and court, bot nocht with the ministrie, quho thearefter accusit him at St Androis vpone vn-sufficient doctrine, and conuict. At the samyn tyme, the said Mr Robert with all penitence confessit his offence in thaire prefence, in that he had alpyred to ane vnlawfull calling, and subscribit never to suite efter the

saïd bischoprick, bot to content him selfe with his former chairge; and yet immediatly thairefter folowed furthe the suite, and socht the fruites. Quhairvpone the ministrie being heichlie offendit, they chairged him of new for compearance befor the assemblie, of mynd to excommunicat him, quhair the laird of Mynto then procest stayed the purpois, and dissolved thame perforce, sending sum to the tolbuthe, and dinging vtheris; quhairvpone great truble reasē betuix the colledges and the tounsmen. Lykas schortlie heirefter sum of the ministeris, for thair oppin misbehauour and exclaiming aganis Mr Robert, wes suspendit; and yit Mr Robert wes excommunicat bathe in Libbertoun and Dalkeithe and Edinburgh: quhaire, efterhend resoirting from St Johnstoun, he wes oppinlie onbefet be lasses and rascalis of the toun, and howeid out of the toun be flinging of stones at him, out at the kirk of feild porte, and narrowly escaipid with his lyfe.

Vpone the xxvj day of Julij, Frances erle of Bothuell come from France, and landit at Leithe. [He] come to the King being at Perth, vpone the xxix day, quhair he wes hairtelie welcomed. The King come to the huntis to Atholl; the diuk of Lennox returnit to Dalkeithe, Arrane to Kynneill, and left the King accompanied with the erle of Atholl, Govrie and his owin gaird allenerlie: And vpone the xxij day of August, returnit and come to Ruthuen.

Vpone the xxij day of the saïd monethe, the erles of Mar, Govry and thair freindis interpryfed the takin of the King at Ruthuen. And the samyn nicht the erle of Arrane, being forseine of the erle of Mar, diuydit his companies; and quyetly knaving that he wes to be set one uther wayis be the way, come to the yet of Ruthuen, quhaire he wes let in, and seast vpone, and teane put in waird in ane chalmer, and vpone the morne sent to Dupling. His brother William Steuart wes euill hurt, with fundrie vtheris of his companie, and ane number teane also be the erle of Mar and his company; the erle of Mar [had] vj^{xx} horf-

men, and the said William fourtie. This wes doune betuix Perth and Ruthuen on the feildis. Vpone the morne the King come to Perth, quhair the noblemen geve in theare supplicatioun schewing the cause of the conflict, quhairvpone the King be oppin proclamatioun causit notefie that he wes not deteanit, bot that they had doune guid seruice. At quhilk tyme the Diuk come from Edinburgh to Dalkeithe.

Vpone the penult day of August 1582, the King returnit from Perth to Sterling, accompanied with the erles Bothuell, Mar, Glencairne, Govrie, the lord Lyndsay, maister of Olyphant, theare hovshaldis and freindis, to the number of iiij c men or thairby. His Majestie wes resolut to ryd to Edinburgh vpon the morne, bot the lordis perswadit him to stay thrie or four dayis ferder. Vpone the same day the erle of Ardrane wes teane out of Dupling to Sterling, quheare he wes fuirly keipit be the erle of Govrie in his ludging. William and Robert Steuartis wer lykwayis transportit to Sterling, and wardit in the castle thair of.

Vpone the first day of September, the lord Hereis, Corstorphin, the laird of Kilfythe come to the King furthe of Edinburgh fra the diuk to Sterling as commissiонерis. They geve in certane headis and artickles, quhairvpone they desyrit anfuer; and heiring of the abbote of Nevbotles comming lykwayis from the diuk [they] continowit to geve anfuer to his comming; the effect quhair of wes this:—Gif the intencion of the assurance cravit be the diuk of Lennox be that he may faillie go out of the realme, the samyn salbe granted, he departing out of the countrie at quhat port he pleiffes, betuix the tent day of this instant, and the xx day of the samyn, and remaning quyettie, accompanied with fourtie personis or thearby in the meanetyme quhill he tak schipping, and gifand ane warrand for randerig of the castle of Dumbartane in the handis of Johne erle of Mar for our fuirtie, and to be randerit be him within xv dayis thairefter to William Steuart of Caverfoun present captane, to be keipit be him, to the quhilk tyme he salbe in fuirtie; and efter his

departour armes falbe fet afyde : and that his anfuer returne quicklie heirvpone, betuix and Thurfday at nicht the vj day of September, urtherways no affurance.

Vpone the fext of September at fex houris at ewin, the diuk accompanied with thrie hundrethe men come out of Edinburgh to Glafgow, quhearvnto he come about fex houris in the morning, and from thence to Dumbartane, quhair he wes reffavit be his awin deputie William Steuart, and immediatly fent the abbote of Nevbotle [and] Lord Hereis with ane anfuer to the King and the lordis, and paff againe to the diuk with thair laft directioun to Glafgow, vpon the vij day foirfaid.

In the meanetyme certane noblemen examinat the erle of Arrane in the houle, bot quhat his difpofitioun wes it is vncertane to the wreytter heiroy. At this tyme George Douglas brother to the laird of Lochleavin, fent for be the King to Sterling, wes wairdit, and teane, and examinat vpon a plot of confpiracie layd be him, tuitching the affociatioun of the King and Queinemothe in equall aucthoritie, quhair of he confeft a pairt, as wes fpokin oppinlie. About this tyme the erle of Arrane is fent to waird to the plaice of Ruthuen.

Vpone the xij day of September, theare come fir George Dary and fir Robert Bowes efquyre, ambaffadouris fra the Queine of England; they reffavit prefence of the King in Sterling caſtle vpon the auchtein day of September. The meſſedge wes ane intreatie of the Queinis for the reſtoiring of the erle of Angus. The King granted a licence to him to repaire within the countrie, and of his houle of Tamptalloun, vpon caution for redelyverie thairof and removing at the Kingis pleaſour; quhilk the erle of Angus thinking litle worth, yit did not come a long tyme thearefter.

The diuk paff out of Dumbartane at this tyme to the Gairloche, and tuik fail vpon Sonday in ane ſchip of Air, accompanied with ane vther ſchipp, the laſt of September 1582.

Vpone the Weddnisday the xvij day of October, in ane conuention at Halyroudhous, it wes aggreet that theare sould be ane great gaird teane vp for the King and nobiletie, to wit of horsmen ij c, and of futmen ij c also. In this meanetyme certane word of the diukis returning from his voyadg to Dumbartane. Theare assemblid at this conuention, the erles of Merche, Arrolle, Mar, Glencairne, Rothies, Govrie, Merchell, Egglintoun, Mortoun; the lordis Home, Hereis, Lyndsay, Easter, Simler; the bischopis of St Androis, Orkney and Dunkeld; abbottis of Dunfermling, Cambuskynnethe, Deir, Dryburchie, Coldinghame, Culrose, Inchefray, Paflay; and the commissioneris of the head burrowis. At this tyme, the thingis that wer done at the read of Ruthuen, and the erles aetoris of the samyn wes approvin be the King and conuention, quhilk wes ordeanit to be ratefeid in the nixt parliament.

Vpone the xxiiij day of October 1583 [2], Walter Steuart pryour of Blantyre wes directit, being ane of the Kingis cheife mynonis, to bring in the erle of Angus at Halyroudhous, he beand then at Coldinknowis, vpon thir conditiounis, viz. that the said erle sould mak na band or ligge with onyman, without his Majesties advyse and consent; that he sould bear na quarrell or grudge toward the diuk of Lennox or erle of Arrane; and that he sould claime na kyndnes to the erledom of Mortoun, Dalketh, &c. without his Majesties advyse also. Vpone the xxiiij day, the King wes werie instant with the lordis to have the erle of Arrane releivit of his waird of Ruthuen, to the quhilk the lordis wer werie laithe. Yit they yeildit, the diuk of Lennox depairting according to conditioun to France, that the erle of Arrane sould be releivit, and wairdit beyond the watter of Erne, quhilk wes aggreet vnto als weil be the King as estaites. Vpone the xxv day of the said monethe of October 1583 [2], the erle of Angus come to Halyroudhous, quhaire he gat prefence of the King, and wes welcome to him. This same tyme William Steuart brother to the earle of Arrane, wardit within

the castle of Sterling, wes ordeanit to be releavit, and ordeanit to remaine within the scheref dome of Aire, and to doe no herme to our soveraign lordis leidges utherwayis nor be law, vnder the paine of fyve thovsand merkis.

Vpone the [v] day of November, it wes agreet be the King and his counfall that the erle of Arrane fould be fred of his warde, and ordeanit to pas to Kynneill, and remane within four myles thairto, and not to come neir the King be ten myles, as he wald anfuer vpon his obedience. Befoir the passing of the act of counfall thairvpon, theare wes a command givin to stay the same, quhill the King wes advysit, be the moyoun of Mr Bowis the ambassadour of Ingland. All this tyme the diuk of Lennox wes in ane ile, awatand ane wynd. Vpone the [ij] day of December 1583 [2], the erle of Arrane escapit furthe of Ruthuen, and come to Couper in Angus, quheare he convenit with the erles of Atholl, Montroise, Crawford and utheris.

Vpone the feird day of December, the diuk of Lennox returnit to Blacknes sngle accompanied, quhilkis the lordis interpryferis wer afraid of, hearing of the samyn. Vpone the samyn day or the morne, theare wes ane conspiracie fould beine accomplischt be the diuk of Lennox factioun aganis the lordis conspiratouris, bot the samyn wes detectit and disclofit. The maner wes this: that quhen the King fould be [at] desert at his supper, ane certane number of armit men incliofit in the abbay kirk fould come throw ane dur vnder the long galrey, and enter thairat, tak and inviroun the King, and kill and stik and hang all thame that they mycht have apprehendit of the lordis interpryferis and thair foloveris.

Vpone the fext day of the said monethe, Alexander Hay clerk of register wes directit with commissioun to Blacknes to the diuke of Lennox, desyring him to goe out of the realme, according to his promeis and the Kingis first declaratioun, quhether he fould goe be sea or be

land. The said clerk of register had a charge of horning, in case of refusal to bein execut aganis the diuk.

Vpone the vij day of the said monethe, proclamatioun wes maid at the croce of Edinburgh, chairging all and fundrie lordis, erles and baronis, to conueine and come to the King vpon the tent and xij dayis of the said monethe, vnder the pane of tinfell of lyfe, landis and guidis.

Vpone the vij day afoirsaid, the clerk register returnit with answer, schewing that the diuk wes myndit to depairt, in case it wes his Majesties pleasour; yit craued that he mycht have tyme to provyd him selffe, that he mycht ryd away honestlie throch the countrie; and, in respect that he had nather money, provisioun nor clothes, he doubtit not bot, for his Majesties awin honour and his, he wold not suffer him to pas as ane slaue to his awin countrie, bot in sick foirt as he come within it, quhilk wes as a nobleman.

Vpone the ix day of the samyn monethe, Mr George Young secreta-rie wes directit to the diuk, with commissioun that he should not stay, nor faile to transporte him selffe: quhom he found not in Blacknes, for he wes ridden to Calendar, quhair the said Mr George schew him the Kingis will, be quhat conuoy and quhat baronis he should goe throw the countrie, and howsoone and quhair he should be ilk nycht, and with the Queine of Inglandis saife conduct for passing thairthrow; certefeing him that gif he failied he should be denuncit rebell, and put to the horne, and that his houffes should be charged to be randert, vnder the paine of treason, and to come vpon him and thame with fyre and sword, and all vther extreamitie. Lykas the act of counfall wes past heirvpon. Vpone the tent day of the said monethe, the said Mr George returnit with this answer, that he wes willing to obey, and so wes purpoised to tak jorney from Lynlithgow to Haddingtoun the xij day of the samyn monethe. At quhilk tyme there wes word of ane Frenche ambassadour.

Vpone Weddnisday the xij of the said monethe, the lairdis of Louthiane, direct from the King to conuoy the diuk, schew him that his supper wes maid radie that nicht in Haddingtoun, and that fundreis wes appoynted to attend him theare; bot he, alledging that braggis come to the yet of Calender be the erle of Maris fernandis, and that they wer of purpois to onbefet him in the way, craued of the King that he mycht be sufferit to go to the west bordouris, and be Carlelle throw England to France, quhilk the King refuset, in respect of the brek of his double promeissis, and directit lettres to chairge him to remove from Dumbartane to Bervick, betuix that and the xxij of that instant, vnder the paine of horning.

About the xvj day of the said monethe, the said Mr George Young wes directit be the King to the diuk, beand in Dumbartane, hafand ane officer of armes with him rady to have execut the saidis chairges. Bot condiscendand thairto, and that he sould goe be Bervick, vpone the xx day of the said monethe he tiuk journey, and, betuix that and the xxiiij day of the samyn monethe, wes in Bervick, quhaire he remained bot a nicht; on the morne tiuk post to Londoun, being xxij horsles, and the maister of Leivingstoun ane of his trayne all the tyme; and the King fend him or he went, for his forderance, j^m crownis of the sone. It wes thocht he met the Frenche ambassadour be the way about York.

Vpone the [x]vij day of Januar, thair come to Edinburgh ane Frenche ambassadour namit Monfieur la Moit, quho wes ludgit in Robert Gourlayis house, and gat prefence of the King vpone the morne, quhair the Inglishche ambassadour met also with him. The Kingis Majestie, efter a conference had with the Frenche ambassadour, ressavit the letter of credit; and efter it wes red, the King enterit in conference with him in prefence of Mr Dauid sone, ane Inglishche ambassadour.

Vpone the xij day of the said monethe, the saidis Frenche and Inglishche ambassadouris, in prefence of the King and counfall, declaired

thair commiffiounis, quhair of the effect folowethe. First the Frenche ambaffadour declairethe that the King of France, hearing of the commotioun betuix the King and his nobiletie, willed ane revnioun to be maid amangis thame, fua as the King mycht keip his awin honour and priuiledges, and nawayis to be flaynyied or preiudgit in ony foirt, becaufe he buir ane inteir affectioun to his Majestie and his countrie; and that the ligge mycht indure betuix Scotland and France; and that we fould enter in freindfchip and amitie with the Queine of Iugland, to the quhilk effect fcho had alfo fent her awin ambaffadour, quho being prefent affirmit the famyn, and the ambaffadour vfit many argumentis to this effect.

Vpone the xvij day of Januar 1583 [2], thair arryved ane vther Frenche ambaffadour at Brunteland, namit Monfiour Manyeweill, and geve prefence to the King vpon the xxij of the famyn monethe. Vpone the [x] day of Februar, the faid Monfiour la Moithe, hafing reffavit ane guid anfuer to his commiffioun, reffavit lykways the banket in Archbalde Steuartis houfe in Edinburgh, and tiuk journey by Settoun be the way to France.

Vpone the xx day of Februar 1583 [2], Coline erle of Ergyle command to Edinburgh, wes earneftlie focht be the erle of Angus and earle of Mar, to come vpon thaire factioun, quhilk he refufit, bot declaired he wold folow the Kingis will.

The Kingis Majestie tiuk purpois to pas foreuard in his progres, vpon the xvij day of Maij 1583 [2], bot wes stayed be great instance maid be Mr Boves ambaffadour for Ingland, till the tuentie day thearefter, and pafst that nycht to Lynlithgow, qubeare he remainit to the first day of Junij, and from that to Dumfermling. The erles of Ergyle, Mar, Marfchell, Angus, Montroife, Bothuell wer with him.

Vpone the [x] day of Maij, coronall Steuart captane of the gaird wes fent ambaffadour to Ingland, craving hir advyse to the Kingis ma-

riadge ; to renew the band of peax and amitie betuix the twa realmes ; to redresse the merchantis that wer reft be the sea be the Inglifche pir-ratis. Vpone the [ij] day of Junij, the coronall Steuart returnit home at the narrest to Dumfermling.

At quhilk tyme word come in Scotland that the diuk of Lennox died in Pareifch, vpon the xxvj day of Maij. The King could hardlie trust this, hovbeet baith the Inglifche ambassadour and ane poist assurit the treuthe of the famyn.

Vpone the xxvij day of Junij, the Kingis Majestie read suddandly from Falkland to St Androis, to the conuention, quhair he wes ludgit in the new Innes of St Androis, and efter supper went to the castle to his bedd, and steyed theare ; quhair the castle wes straitlie kept, and na erles nor lordis sufferit to come in theareat, bot with fyve or sex in number. It wes thoct guid that the erles of Huntlie, Craford, Mar, Angus shold depairt from court, and pairt homewarth, till the Kingis will. Erle of Mar and Angus past hame indeid, bot Huntlie and Craford steyed still at Kearnie in Fyffe ; lykas the erle of Huntlie come back to the King, and steyed to his removing to Falkland.

The Kingis Majestie at the said conuention nominat the lordis and utheris folowing, to attend vpon his Majestie at all tymes as his priue counsell ; to wit, the erles of Marche, Marfchel, Montroise, Rothies, Govrie and Ergyle, togither with his officeris of estaite ; and that nane vther shold repair to his Majestie, without they wer send for, and had a speciall warrand to that effect. At this tyme Crovnar Steuartis answaris wer hard be the King and counfill. And at the Kingis comming to Falkland, he tuk occasioun to wreyt for his nobility afoirsaid, with utheris commissioneris of barronis and burrowis, to meit him at Perth. This conuention wes the xxij day of Julij or thairby, and continovit the space of x or xij dayis.

At this tyme certane of the Kingis seruandis, officiaris and utheris

feruandis, fauoreris of the erle of Mar, war dischargit court ; as namly Dounypace and Carnok maister steblaris, Easter Weymis maister hovf-hald, William Elphingftoun maister schewer and fundrie vtheris. Lykas the haill remnant war intendit to be dischairged, and a chairge fend out for randerung of Lochleavin to the officiar. And ane vther conuentioun appoynted to be at St Androis, the xv day of August thereafter, for ordour taking with the haill effairis of the country.

Proclamationis wer directed, that the diuk of Lennox had depairted ane trew cristiane, and special embrasser of the relligioun, and thairfoir inhibiting ony man to spaik or repoint of him vtherways, vnder the paine of dead. Ane vther proclamatioun, declairing how he had bein abvfit the yeir preceeding be his owin subiectis, and how he had bein deteanit at the read of Ruthuenis aganis his will, and haldin captiue be thame. The thrid proclamatioun wes charging all his subiectis, betuix sextie and sexteine within the scherefdom of Fyff, to meit his Majestie at Falkland the xxiiij day of August, theare to await his Majestie, for bearing furthe his seruice and auctoritie, vnder the paine of tinsell of lyfe, landis and guidis.

Vpone the thrid of August, the King past furthe out of Perth to Falkland, quhair he remanit to the xv day. At quhilk tyme he red to the conventioun at St Androis, quhare many of the nobilletie and ministerie wreyttin for wer present ; quhaire the King, counfall, nobilletie and a great pairt of the ministerie aggreit, and thay promitted to spaik nothing bot of that quhilk wes [not] contrarius to the will and word of God : theare wer mony vtheris thingis condiscendit to. Creall and Anstrethare wer in armes : and at the Kingis depairtour, theare arrofe a great contentioun betuix certane for keping the castle to the Kingis Majesteis returning ; viz. the bischop and laird of Segie on the ane pairt, and proveft and bayleis on the vther pairt. The commoun bell rang, and appearance of great truble ; at lenthe the castle wes ran-

derit to the proveſt, be reaſoun he had the Kingis warrand for keiping therof to his backcoming.

Vpone the firſt day of September or thearby, theare come ane Ingliſche ambaffadour in Scotland, namit ſir Francis Welchinghame the Queinis ſecretare, ane man of great credit and reputatioun, ane of the ſpeciall counſellouris, and halderis of the great materis of Ingland. The King, being in Falkland, heiring of his comming, appoynted him to meit him at Perth, quhaire the ambaffadour come vpon the aucht, and gat preſence vpon the tent day. His commiſſioun wes in effect this; this ambaffadour thocht him ſelff not ſo weil interteanied and conuoyed as wes requiſit to his eſtaite, and therfor deſyrit the heaſtier depeſche and anſuer, and ſua reſſavit his anſuer vpon the xij day of the ſaid monethe. Vpon the threttein day, the ambaffadour tuik his journey from Perth to Ingland; and the King to Falkland, quhair he remanit quhill the day of October, at quhilk tyme the erle of Arrane wes maid captane of the caſtle of Sterling, and proveſt of the toun. The erle of Mar at this tyme duelt in Erſkyn, and wes commandit of the countrie. Vpon the xiiij day of November 1583, the King went to Kynneil to banket, quhaire he remanit till the xv day, at quhilk tyme his Majeſtie read to Edinburgh.

Vpon the xij of the ſaid monethe, Lodouick diuk of Lennox, fone to the lait diuk, arryvit at Leithe. He wes tranſported out of Leithe vpon the xiiij day of the ſaid monethe to Kynneill, be the erles of Arrane and Huntlie. About the tent day of Decembar, the erle of Mar and his confederatis, viz. the abbot of Cambuſkynnethe, maifter of Glamis, the laird of Lochleavin, Cleiſche, Buchuane fand caution they ſould not be fund ather in Scotland, Ingland or Irland, and not to returne without the Kingis licence. The erle of Angus wes wardit beyond Spey.

About the xx day of the ſaid monethe, ane lord Andreas Keathe,

Scottfman, and a counfellour to the King of Suadden, come to vifit the King and freindis. He was a gallant man of proportioun and fafchioun ; and albeet of meane parentis, yit throw his guid behaiour promovit to great honour and promotioun.

In the end of Februar 1583, William erle of Govrie wes commandit to go of the countrie, and obteanit licence to that effect, to depairt betuix and the laft day of Marche thereafter. Sundrie vtheris, as namely, Carmichell, the erle of Mortounis bastard fones, Parkheadis fones and vtheris wer chargit of the countrie. Proclamatioun wes maid, commanding thefe quho war charged to go of the countrie to heaft thame felffes with all diligence, betuix and the day appoynted, uthervayis that they fould be takin and execut ; and ficklyk that naine of the leidgis fould fupplie, refet, intercommoun with thame, or have intelligence from thame, vnder the paine of incurring his Majefteis heiche wreathe and indignatioun.

Vpone the xv day of Marche, the faid lord Andreas Keith gat from his hielnes certane fifthes of his Majefteis propertie in Rofc, [and] wes maid lord Dingvall in Halyroudhouf, with fick folemneteis as in fick caiffes as ar vfe and wont.

Vpone the xvj day of Apryle, William erle of Govrie, not being depairted out of the countrie according to his licence, bot remaining vpon wynd and wether as he alledgit, wes takin be crounar Steuart and certane of the Kingis gaird, within the toun of Dundee, and brocht to Halyroudhoufe vpon the xvij day of the faid monethe, pairtly be fea and pairtly be land.

Vpone the famyn xvij day of Apryle 1584, the erle of Mar, the abbottis of Paflay, Dryburghe with certane freindis of the erle of Anguffe tuik the caftle of Sterling, and the toun ; at quhilk tyme the erle of Angus, maifter of Glamis and certane uthervis freindis repairit thither, and furnifchit the caftle, quhilk of befoir wes werie euil wiētualit.

Quhair vpon it folowit, that the Kingis miſſiues and proclamatioun wer direct, for reafing the hail forces of the countrie vpon the ſaidis perſonis, for repreſſing of thame, vnder the paine of tinfell, &c.

Sundrie vtheris chairges wer direct, eſpeciallie aganis the lordis of feſſioun, laueris, wreyteris and all, to pas and diſludge thame out of the toun, and taking in the caſtle; and ſicylk aganis the lordis, for withdrawing thame ſelfis; and aganis the inhabitantis, to withdraw thame ſelfis fra the ſaidis rebellis, vnder the paine of treaſoun, with certificatioun, &c.

Vpon the xxj day of Apryle, coronall Steuart, accompanied with the Scotis and Elliotis to the number of vj^e men, with utheris, at thaire comming to the Falkirk, the toun and barronie of Glaſgow being theare preſent rady to meit the King, being numberit to be xv^e men or thair-by, the maiſter of Leivingſtoun being lykwayis with his force at the Falkirk, vpon the tother morne thairefter the crouner come theare, the lordis and ſuppryferis left the toun and fled. The keyis of the toun wer delyverit be the bailyeis of the toun to the coronell Steuart at Falkirk, quhairvpon the hail force that wes theare (except Glaſgow, that paſt home for the ſaiftie of thair awin toun) paſt in to the toun. The caſtle wes randerit to the maiſter of Leivingſtoun within twa dayis thairefter, without ony conditioun, and the crouner and his force of horſmen folowit the rebellis that wer fled. In the fleeing about Lenrick, ane Archbald Douglas that wes called Arche the conſtable, wes teane be the laird of Johnſtoun, and ane vther Mr John Forbes the erle of Maris ſeruand, alſo teane in Lenrick, and brocht to Sterling. And within thrie or four dayis after the Kingis Majeſties coming to Sterling with his hail forces, the erle of Govrie wes ſent for. Quheare alſo certane cairted peices wer brocht, to beſeidge the caſtle.

After the randerig of the ſaid caſtell, quhilk wes vpon the xxvij day of Apryle 1584, the hail perſonis thairintill, to the number of xxx

perſonis, wer teane out and wardit within the tolbuthe of Sterling, and ſum eſcapit be looping over the wall of the caſtle. Vpone the ſecund day of Maij, the perſonis that wer in the caſtell thollit law, and all being conuiet wer preſented to the ſcaffald ; foure onlie wer execut, quhair of twa wer Douglaſſes.

Vpone the feird day of Maij 1584, the ſaid William erle of Govrie, Archibald Douglas and Mr John Forbes wer accuſit in my lady Maris ludging, of dyverſe poyntis of treafoun and leaſemaieſtie, conuiet thair of, and juſtified to the dead for the ſamyn ; the ſaid erle beheadit, and the vther twa hangit at the croce of Sterling. The erle of Govrie vttered his harrang with ane guid countenance, and in guid langadge, and with ane humble ſpirit, as appeared.

Vpone the ſext day of Maij, the King and all his force being at Sterling, eſſemat to tuelf thovſand men at the leaſt, tuik jorney thairfra toward Edinburgh ; at his cumming certane pertakeris with the lordis war chairged ſuper inquerendis. Certane miniſtearis, fearing thame ſelfiſ ſuſpect of pairtaking with the lordis, fled the countrie befor the charge gevin ; namely Mr Andro Polvart ſubdeane of Glaſgow, Mr Patrik Galloway miniſter of Perth, Mr James Carmichell miniſter of Haddingtoun, and Mr John Davidſon miniſter at Libertoun. Thear- efter ane great number of houſſes pertening to thoſe quho wer ſuſpect of this treafoun wes charged to be randerit. And fundrie noble men wer wreyttin for to be at the parliament then appoynted, quhilk wes called a rynnning parliament.

Vpone the xix day of the ſamyn monethe, the King come to the tolbuthe of Edinburgh, and theare cheiſit the lordis of artickelis of parliament. Thay ſat vpon the artickelis in Halyroudhous quhill the xxij day of the ſamyn monethe, at quhilk tyme the King come to the tolbuthe, accompanied with his nobilletie, and maid fundrie notable guid actis, and continowit all to the thrid day of Auguſt thairefter. This

parliament wes continowit to the xx day of August. Vpone the [8] day of Junij, Mr James Laufoun and Mr Walter Backanquhale minifteris of Edinburgh, fled to Ingland, quhair they stayd, and no man knew quhairfoire.

Vpone the viij day of August, the castle of Edinburgh wes randerd be Alexander Erfkein of Gogar captane thair of, at the command of the King, to the erle of Arrane, quho rellavit the samyn himselffe, and apoynted his owin deputeis and keiperis. At quhilk tyme ane George Drummond and the provest of Glenclouden discouerit ane interpryse and conspiracie about the slauchter of the erle of Arrane, and surpyrling the castle and toun of Edinburgh, and fundrie vther noblemen, as wes spokin.

At wester Weymife the end of the samyn monethe of July, the pest wes brocht in Scotland, quheare many depairted. Vpone the xix day of August, the King come from Falkland to Edinburgh to the parliament; vpon the xx day of the said monethe, past from the provestis houle, quhair he wes ludgit, and chosit the lordis of artickelis. At quhilk tyme the erles of Angus, Mar and maister of Glames, the countesses of Mar and Govrie with dyverse vtheris wer forfalted, and sum vtheris continowit to the xx day of September: aganis this tyme the King geve commissioun to certane lordis, to hald the parliament as gif he had bein present him selfe. And vpon the xxiiij day of August, the King past from Edinburgh to Falkland, and fra thence to Ruthuen, quhaire he remaning ten dayis or ever he knew theare wes sex houffles infectit in Perth, his seruandis being theare: And thairfoir with a few number, the samyn nycht depairted to Tullibardin, and from that to Sterling, leavand his haill hovfald and seruandis incloist in Ruthuen.

Vpone the [v] day of October, lord Claud Hammiltoun returnit in Scotland, fra the pairtes of Ingland, quhaire he wes banischit the space of four yeiris or thairby, come to the plaice of Settoun, fra that to

Nithrie, and then vpone the Kingis warrand, to the northe to my lord Huntlie. Vpone the fecund day of December 1584, ane Eduard Henrifoun a baxter in Edinburgh pat ane candle and certane povlder in ane hadder stack of his fatheris in Foftaris wynd, and desperatly brunt the famyn, and his fatheris ludging nixt thairto, for the quhilk he wes takin vpone the morne, and brunt quick at the croce of Edinburgh.

About the letter end of Januar, theare wes a conspiracie discovf[er]it be Hamiltoun of Inchemachane, anent the taking of the King at the hunting, or careing him to the Merle, be the erle of Angus and Maris confederates, or killing him vnnaturally. Qubairvpone Duntreathe, Drumquhafell and the laird of Maynes being teane and accufit, Duntreathe confest, and fyled; Drumquhafell and Maines quho wold never confes, they wer execut, and Duntreathe fpaired for his confellioun.

Vpone the vj of Apryle 1585, Robert Maxwell brother to the erle of Mortoun brunt the laird of Johnstounis houfe of Lochivood, and being accompanied with fundrie freindis, tuik a great number of his men. About this fame tyme, word come of the diuk of Gvyse and his xl^m men, that wer on the feildis aganis the King [of France] as wes allegit, bot yit [it wes] devyfit aganis the King of Navarre and the protestantis. Immediatly theirefter lord Claud commandit againe of the countrie, notwithstanding of the Kingis warrand afoir said. Vpone the first day of Maij 1585, the King red to Dirdltoun with my lord Arrane, to the bancket. Vpone the vij day of the fame monethe, the pest wes brocht out of St Johnstoun to Edinburgh to the fischmercate, be ane voman that ludgit theare.

Vpone the xv day of Maij, the justice clerk ambaffadour returnit from Ingland againe to Scotland. About the beginning of Junij thair-
after, Mr Wyttoun ambaffadour come from Ingland to the King from the Queine, accompanied with xxiiij horfmen, and geve anfuere to the justice clerkis instructiounis. Theare followit him sex horfle with theare

ackippadge, quhilkis wer delyverit to his Majestie in propyne fra the Queines Majestie.

Vpone the tuelt day of Junij 1585, the King of Denmerkis ambassadouris thrie in number, quhairof ane wes a doctour of the lawis, and the vther twa speciall men, come to Scotland and arryved at Leithe; propper men weill cled efter thaire owin faschioun: they wer in trayne four scoir personis, tuelf thairof in gold chenyeis. They come to Dunfermling within four or fyve dayis thereafter to the King, quhair they had prefence and dischairgit thair commiffioun, quhilk wes that they delyred to redeime Orkney and Chetland, vnder reuerfion as thay alledg- it of ane certane foume of mony, quhilk they had rady to configne instantlie. The Kingis Majestie, with advyse of his counsell, at St Androis thereafter give thame this answer, That thair wes no such reuerfion knavin to thame, bot they shold try and send answere schortlie with theare awin ambassadour. So they tiuk journey at Dundie, and wer feasted at St Androis.

Vpone the xxix day of Julij 1585, word come that theare fell out a great trouble vpon the midle merche of the border, betuix Fernihearst warden, and sir John Forrester opposit, quhair sir Frances Ruffell sone to the erle of Bedford wes slaine, and a great number of Inglischnen teine. The Inglishe ambassadour Wittoun, moift greivit for this slauchter, maid the King beleive that the erle of Arrane wes the cause of the samyn, and that he had donne it to dissolue the peax. Heir vpon his Majestie causit command the erle of Arrane to waird within the castle of St Androis, quhair he enterit vpon the xxix day of Julij, quhair he staid sex or seven dayis. And the King, not finding ony probabilitie of his challenge, causit put him to libertie vpon the v day of August, and then he past to Kynneill, and caution fund for reentrie.

Vpone the vj day of August 1585, the King red out of St Androis to Sterling. Immediatly thairefter thair died iiij^e personis of the pest, so

that St Androis wes left almoist defolat. During all this fpace, the Ingliſche ambaffadour accompanied the King in his progres to Inchemirane and Hammiltoun. Vpone the tuelt of Oðtober, the Ingliſche ambaffadour flippit priuelie throw the park of Sterling with ane or twa hamewart. All this tyme the peſt wes wehement in Edinburgh, ſo that in the nycht thair died iij or iiij^{xx} perſonis.

Vpone the xvij and nyntein dayis of Oðtober, the erle of Angus, Mar and maifter of Glamis come to the Feirife [Fleuris?] befyd Kelfo, the laird of Seffuirdis houſe, quhair the erle of Bothuell and Home, the haill Merſe and Hamiltonis with fundrie vtheris ioynit with thame. The crownar Steuart with twa or thrie hundrethe men paſt to Peblis, for reaſing of the countrie to reſiſt the lordis, bot wer diſſapoynted. Johne lord Hamiltoun, the erle of Mortoun with all thaire forces met the vther lordis at Lenrick in Hamiltoun, and come forduard, joyning all in ane to come to Sterling, and tuik the plaice of Wodhead befyd the Torwood. Vpone the firſt of November, they ſtented thair pellionis at Sanct Rinianis kirk befyd Sterling, flood all that nicht, and being thrie or four thovſand men ſtrong, enterit within the toun be the dawing of the day; ſurpryſed the ſamyn at dyverſe pairtes, and pat the erles of Arrane, Montroiſe, Crafurde, Glencairn, Arroll and Rothes, the Kingis forces, to the flicht; tuike the erles of Erroll, Glencairn, Rothes and a great number in the toun at theare pleſour: at this tyme none wes ſlayne bot thrie or four on baithe the fydes; great reaf of horſſe and guidis be William Kynmonthe and his bairnis. They ſufferit no wiðtualis to enter at the caſtle, bot ſa meikle as ſeruit the Kingis awin mouthe, quhill at laſt the King caufit hald up ane quhyt neapkein, and craue the aſſurance, promiſing the randeriſg of the caſtle. Quhilk being randerit, they tuik the erle of Montroiſe, Craſurd, crounar Steuart, ſir William Steuart captane of Dumbartane and his brother, and ſet all the reſt at libertie.

The said erle of Arrane eſcapit at theare entrie in the toun, and paſt over Forthe in ane auld boit, and went throw Mounteth to Dunbartane, quhaire he ſleipit thrie or four houris, and then paſt to Fairlie Read, quhair ane Jameſoun awaited him with a ſchipp. The Kingis Majestie at the entrie of the ſaidis perſonis reſſavit thame all in his mercie ; and began at the lord Hamiltoun, enterit in conference with him, and as appeared loved him beſt. Vpone the vj of November, the erle of Mortoun with all his men of wear went homewart.

At this tyme the current parliament, begun of befoir, wes ordeanit to be haldin at Linlithgow the firſt day of December : vpon the nynt of November, the King went from Sterling to Linlithgow. The ſaid parliament wes haldin vpon the feard of December 1585, in the great hall of Linlithgow. The honouris wer borne, viz. the croune be the diuk of Lennox, the ſceptour be George erle of Huntlie, and the ſuord be John erle of Atholl ; and the ſecund day the ſceptour be the erle of Angus, and ſuord be the erle of Bothuell.

In this parliament John lord Hamiltoun, Archbald erle of Angus, John erle of Mar, the maifter of Glamis, the abbottis of Dryburghe, Cambuskynnethe and theare foloveris forſalded of befoir, the reliēt and ſones of William erle of Gourie wer all reſtoired to thair landis and leivings and honouris, and a generall remiſſioun gevin to the erle of Mortoun for all his attemptis ſen the lxix yeir of God, &c. And lykways a generall remiſſioun to all the gentlemen thair foloveris, for quhatſumever attemptis during the ſaid ſpace, and reponit aganis all decreitis or actis maid of befoir aganis thame.

Commiſſioun to the erle of Huntlie to pas to the Fairlie Read, and tak the erle of Arrane : the accuſatioun wes for jowelis quhairwith he medlit in the caſtle of Edinburgh, quhair of he wes captane. Bot he being forſeine eſcapit in ane fere boit to ane iland, and quhen the erle of Huntly departed, then he returnit to the ſaid Fairlie Read. The

pryour of Blantyre wes sent a litle befor this for the jovelis, bot come no speid. Vpone the viij day of December, fir William Steuart wes sent for the jovelis to the erle of Arrane in Fairlie Read ; reffavit the cheife jovell, namely the H, with ane chenyeie, and brocht the samyn to the Kingis Majestie, and delyverit thame in his owin hand. Vpone the xvij day of the samyn monethe, the erle of Craford brak waird in Kynneill.

At this tyme Mr William Watfoun and Mr John Hovefoun wer conuenit afor the King, for calling and compairing him to Jeroboam, that wicket king and idolator. Vpone the xxj day, James Gibfone wes lykways called befor the King for vttering of these wordis, ‘ I beleivit that it wes the erle of Arrane, his brother and lady Jefobell that wer perfectouris of the kirk, bot now I fie it is the King him selffe. Jeroboham with his posteretie wes riuttet out, and I fear the lyk come of our King if he continow.’ These wordis he confessed and subscribit in presence of the King, and sayd he wald abyd thairat to his deathe. Quho being removit, wes fund by the woice of the King and counfall, to have committed treasoun, and so wes committed to the castle of Edinburgh to forder tryell.

Vpone the xiiij day of Januar, theare arryvit ane Frenche ambaffadour at Leithe, and wes to stay lang in Scotland : a young man of xxiiij yeires of aidge ; his name wes signiour Gofferon. Vpone the [vj] day of Februar, lord Claud commendatour of Paflay come in to Brunteland, and vpon the morne gat presence at Halyroudhous ; a man weill lykit of be the King for his wit, and obedience in comming and going at the Kingis command, and for reueiling of certane interpryfes of the lordis at thair being in England.

Vpone the [xiiij] day of Februar, fir William Steuart brother to the erle of Arrane wes teane be the lord Hamiltoun at Strabrok, and caried with him to Hamiltoun, bot thereafter fet to libertie at Edinburgh,

and the erle of Arrane selff chairged in the end of Merche to depairt furthe of the countrie, betuix and the sext of Apryle, vnder the paine of trefoun; quhilk he obeyit, and went to Irland or Kintyre; bot the lady returnit to Killeithe.

About the xvij of Apryle 1586, the archbifchope of St Androis Adamfoun wes misfit and struckin be the maister of Lyndfey, Abbothall and vtheris, for his vndecent lyfe, and excommunicat be the ministrie. Quhairvpone the King causit chairge the saidis personis, as also Mr Andro Melvill principall of the new colledg, Mr James Melvill and certane vtheris of the ministrie that excommunicat the said archbifchope, to compeir befor his Majestie and counsell to anfuer thairvpone.

About the xx day of Apryle, Hew erle of Egglintoun a comlie brave nobleman, passand fra his awin houe to Sterling, wes onbeset in the way and slayne be Robertland, Arkett, and certane vtheris of the surname of Cunynghame, betuix him and quhom theare stode deadlie feid. At this tyme Mr Archbald Douglas, quha wes banischit for the murthour of the Kingis father, be the moyene of Randolphe the Inglishe embassadour, is reslavit, and brocht in, maid his awin purgatioun.

About the xxij of the said monethe, the lordis of secreit counfall causit assurance to be maid betuix the erle of Mortoun and the laird of Johnestoun, and amangis fundrie vtheris barrons of the west merche. At this samyn tyme, the commissiонерis of Scotland and Ingland appoynted to meit for satling of the bordouris: the commissiонерis wer the erle Bothuell, the lord Boyd and sir James Home of Coldinknowis for Scotland; and for Ingland, the erle of Rutland, lord Riveris and Mr Randolphe embassadour. Vpone the xxvij day of Junij 1586, proclamatioun wes maid that all the leidges shuld ryse with xl dayis provisioun, for ordour taking with the theifes of the bordouris, under the paine, &c.

At this tyme a word wes of a conspiracie aganis the Queine of Ingland, be our Queine of Scotland. Vpone the fourt of September, the

mariadge betuix Lodovick diuk of Lennox, and the only dochter of the lord Hamiltoun, wes aggreet vpon in prefence of the King, quho subscribit for the diuk, and the lord for his dochter, in the palace of Hamiltoun.

Vpone the xvij day of September 1586, thaire wes a conuention of the estaites at Edinburgh, quhaire ane taxation of xv^m lib. wes granted, for suppleing the Kingis leifetennent to giang vpon the bordouris, and the erle of Angus maid leifetennent for this effect. At this tyme the erle of Mortoun, lord Maxwell wes chairged afor the counfall, for anfuering for his kyn, freindis and brokin men. He compearit not, bot sent ane excuse that he had ane tryft with the lord Scrupe: the King offendit heirwith, wes meafit be my lord Hamiltoun.

About the beginning of November, word come that Queine mother wes teane, and conuict of treason aganis the Queine of Ingland; at quhilk tyme William Keathe wes direct to Ingland to work for the Queens releif: quhairof certane word come thereafter, and that ane nobleman wes come out of France for fuitting her releife. Immediately thereafter, ane conuention of the hail nobillity and estaites ordeanit to be at Edinburgh, vpon the xv day of December, for directing of sum noble men ambaffadouris for the Quenis releife. It wes thocht be his Majestie that Ingland durst not put hand in hir. At the samyn conuention Patrik maister of Gray, abbot of Dumfermling, and sir Robert Melwill of Murdecairny knight, wer directit ambaffadouris and sent quickly away, so as they tuik poist at Bervick. Certane instructionis wer givin thame in wreyt, for the seiking of the Quenis releife.

At this tyme ane voluntar subsidie wes concludit of all rank of personis, incaice of executioun of the Queine, to have gone vpon Ingland, and for directing ambaffadouris to France, Spayne and Denmerk; and this to be imbrocht vpon the Kingis owin missive letter.

About the first of Februar, thaire come a poist directit from our awn

ambassadouris, schaving that the executioun wes continowit, and that they had gottin ane ansuer little to thair contentment. Quhilk the King heiring of, send with the samyn poist immediatly back ane bragging letter to the Queine of England, awovand, gif his mother war not spaired he sould be avendged, and seik the support of all the princes of Europe for this effect. Quhilk letter and poist met the ambassadouris on the way, who directit thame for delyverie of this letter to Mr Archbald Douglas, to be presented be him to the Queine of England. The Kingis Majestie, to testefie his earnest and naturall affection to his mother, causit pray for hir oppinly efter him self; quhairvpon arose a great dissension betuix sum of the ministrie and his Majestie, namely the ministrie of Edinburgh. Quhairvpon the King appoynted Patrik archbischop of St Androis to teache, bot he wes preuented be Mr John Covpar minister, quho come befor and filled the pulpit. And as the said Mr John wes beginnand the prayer, the Kingis Majestie commandit him to stay: so as Mr John raschit nichtely vpon the pulpit, saying, 'This day fall bear witnes aganis yow in the day of the lord: woe be to ye Edinburgh, for the last of xj plaiges salbe the worst!' And so come down from pulpit, and the haill wyfis removit with a great clamour. And therefter the bischope of St Androis gead vp to the pulpit, and tacht ane fermone concerning the praying for princes, quhairat the haill peipill that wes in the kirk left wer muche movit, and thocht the Kingis desyre most ressonable. Lykas the ministeris being called befor the King [that] eternoune, this ordour wes teane, that Mr John Covpar, Mr William Wattoun and Mr Walter Backanquill sould be dischairdgit from preaching or prayeris, till sick tyme as iniunctionis wer set down to thame. The said Mr John wes wardit at Blacknes, and therefter releivit, command in the Kingis will, and agreand to his desyre.

Vpon the vj day of Februar 1586, the maister of Gray, sir Robert

Melvill and William Keathe ambaffadouris at Ingland returnit home ; quha declaired that the Queine wes in the fame place schoe wes in of befoir, and that thay could have no assurance of hir lyfe ; and that ane Inglifche ambaffadour wes foloving thame, to perfuaid the King that it wes bathe for his weill and honour to have hir execute. Vpone the xv day of Februar thaire come a poift fra Ceffurde, [who] being warden reffavit word from fir John Forefter oppofit wardin, that the Queine wes beheadit, vpone the aucht day of that famyn monethe 1586. Be- caufe the King reffavit na advertifment heirvpone him felffe, he fufpen- dit his judgement : the maiter wes increddible to him ; and thairfoir paf to his wounted pafstyme to Calder, quhair he remanit ane nicht.

In the meanetyme Carie the ambaffadour come to Bervick, and de- fyred ane pafporte. Vpone the xx day of Februar, his Majestie fent Mr George Young to the embaffadour to Bervick, defyring to vnder- ftand quhether his mother wes execut or not, and if fche wer not to give him pafport, bot utherwayis to returne. Quho, vpone the xxij of the faid monethe, returnit with his anfuer, that the Queine mother wes execut : quhilk the King vnderftanding, wes in great difpleafour, and went to bed without fupper ; lykas on the morne he paf folitarlie to Dalkeithe, defyring to be folitar. The faid ambaffadour fent in ane Inglifcheman captane Carvell to declare, that [feing] his Majestie tuike the deathe of his mother fo heichlie, he mycht be hard to oppin his commiffioun befoir certane of his hienes privie counfall ; quhilk wes yeildit to, and fir Robert Melwill and the laird of Coldinknovis fent as twa of the priue counfall, to meit the ambaffadour at Fouldeine kirk, the xiiij of Merche 1586.

Vpone the fame xiiij day, the faidis ambaffadouris met with xxiij perfonis on ather fyde. The Inglifche ambaffadour defyred that the leage and amitie betuix the twa natiounis nicht be confermit, and in- uiolablie obfervit, becaufe, fayd he, the Queine wes werie forie for

taking Queine Mareis lyfe, and it wes doune by hir knawledge, and sen fua it wes, willed the King to fuit quhat fatiffaëtioun he pleafed, and it fould be granted.

It wes anfuerit be the faidis commiffioneris, that gif the faid ambaffadour wald affirme in his miftris name, that that murthour wes committed aganis hir direëtioun and will, the King thair maifter willed that the names of the authoris and committaris thairof wer divulgat, and manifested to his hienes ; and gif the Queine of Ingland war not hable to be reuendgit of her awin fubieëtis, that his Majeftie wald hald hand, with all the force he mycht, to punifche the authoris and committeris thairof, and concur with hir and hir forces for that effect. And as for feiking fatiffaëtioun, they thocht that vnfeimlie that he fould fell his owin blonde, for it is the cuftome of Scotland, that, gif the meaneft gentleman that hes his kynfinan or neir freind murthored enter in tryfing with the committeris freindis, the offeris ar maid be the committeris of the deed, quhilkis ar deliberatlie refoluit vpon be him, his kyn and freindis. Mikle moir it is to be thocht, that ane annoynted princes being indireëtlie takin away and bereft of hir lyfe, his Majeftie being hir fone, and fcho difcendit of the moift royal blonde in Europe, offeris fould be maid to his Majeftie, incaife he wald yeild to accept fatiffaëtioun ; quhilkis offeris ar not onlie to be confiderit be him, his nobiletie and eftaitis, bot alfo be the haill princes of his Majefties blonde, als weill intereft as he. The demandis and propofitiounis of the Ingliſche embaffadour wer wryttin word be word in his awin prefence, and fubſcribit be him felff, and fua thay finderit ; and they wer brocht to the King being at Crichtoun.

At this tyme the biſchopis of Glaſgow, Roſe and Dumblayne, quho had bein in France xx yeiris afoir, wer reſtoired and rehabilitat, and letters ſent to thame to come in Scotland : the biſhop of Glaſgow gat ane commiffioun of ambaffadrie for his Majeftie in France. In the end

of Merche 1587, ane conuention was appoynted to be haldin at Edinburgh the day of Apryle, and fra that the samyn was continowit to the tent day of Maij.

Vpone the [vj] day of Apryle 1587, the King red quickly and suddenly vpone my lord Maxvell and his freindis, becaufe he refusit to tak ordour with the brokin men [of] his name and freindis, bot he being forseine escapit. Yit the King gat ane guid reule of the moift pairt, and command to Drumfreische, he send John Maxvell, provest thair of and brother to the lord Hereis, for taking of the house of Carleavrock; bot he wes flayne be the way be the Grahames of Aik and fundrie utheris brokin men. The samyn tyme commissioun wes granted to the scheref of Aire for taking of James Steuart lait chancellor, quho escapit out of his plaice of the Newtoun of Aire.

Vpone the xx day of the said monethe of Apryle, Patrik maister of Gray commendatour of Dumfermling wes accusit be sir William Steuart of Montoun knight, befor the King and his counsell, and speciallie to the consenting to the murthour of the Quenis Majestie, be his letters sent in Ingland to that effect, quhairin he thocht best that sche sould rather priuelie nor oppinlie be teane away. As also he wes accusit vpone certane instructionis gevin to the said sir William, quho wes bound to France with commissioun to the bischop of Glasgou to be embassadour for the King in these pairtis, in the quhilk instructionis, the maister of Gray willed that they sould seik no help of the King of France and dink of Gveise, except libertie of conscience sould be first granted within Scotland. The said maister of Gray wes accusit vpone fundrie utheris poyntis, and he and the said sir William wer baithe committed to waird within the castle of Edinburgh, quhair they wer appoynted to stay quhill forder tryell sould be teane. Vpone the tent day of Maij, the saidis personis wer transported befor the King and nobilletie, quhair the said sir William accusit the said maister of Gray of the samyn, and

many mae poyntis of treafoun, and baithe convoyed againe to the castell of Edinburgh. It wes fund be the woites of the King and counfall, that he had committed heiche treafoun aganis his Majestie, and his lyfe and leiving thairfor to be in his Majesties handis. Bot the lord Hamiltoun, weill lykit of be his Majestie, sat down in presence of the counfell on his kneis, and beggit his lyfe of the King, promising that he sould be contented to be banischit quhair his Majestie pleased: Quhairunto his Majestie yeildit, and sir William Steuart set at libertie had promeis of his Majestie of ane revaird for his guid service.

At this tyme great trauelis war teane be his Majestie for the reconciling of the erle of Crafurde and maister of Glamis, and at last, be the earnest intercessioun of sir John Maitland of Thirlstean knycht secretar [these] wer teane vp; in quhois housé they all, the xiiij day of the said monethe, sovpit together within Halyroudhousé.

Vpone the xv day of Maij, the King maid the bancket to all his nobilletie, at ewin in Halyroudhousé, quhair the King maid thame, efter drinking of many scolis ane to ane vther, and made thame efter supper, quho vtherwayis had beine at great fead, tak twa and twa be handis, and pas from Halyroudhousé to the mercat croce of Edinburgh, quhair the provest and bailyeis had prepared ane table and desert for his Majestie, at the quhilk theare wes great mirthe and joy, with sick ane great number of pepill as the lyk had not beine seine of befor.

At the conuentioun the King maid ane harrang to his nobilletie and estaites, declairing, that seing he wes now come to his perfyte aidge of tuentie ane yeiris compleit, hasing mony wechtie effairis to be advyfit, thocht it best first to reconceill his nobilletie, quhairin his Majestie had teane no small trauell, and to suche poynt as all sould tend to the plesour of God, his Majesteis standing, the weill of the countrie, and thair awin ease and tranquillitie; protesting befor God, that he loved nothing so mikle as ane perfyte vnioun and reconciliatioun amangis his nobilletie in

hairtes, and gif ony fould feime obftinat, that the remnant his nobiletie fould hald hand to the repressing of thame, and the first brekkaris of that happie vnioun perfevit be all extremitie.

Secundlie, It wes thocht best that buffie and feditius perfonis, radie to fay difcorde amangis the nobilitey, fould be routed out, and banifchit his Majesteis prefence.

Thridlie, It wes thocht guid that ambaffadouris fould be fent to Denmerk : the laird of Barnbarro and Mr Peter Young, preceptour to the King, wer chofen equall in commiffioun, to vifit the King of Denmerkis dochter, to brek the maiter, and thereafter repoint to his hienes and eftaites. That theirefter fiek noblemen mycht be fend thither for treating of the mariadge as fould be found fitt ; for the quhilk purpois, his Majestie declaired that he behouit to have the help of his nobiletie, quhilk all in ane voice they accordit to, promifing lyfe, landis, guidis and all, and fa mikle mony as thay mycht command.

Laft, It wes aggreet ane parliament fould be haldin at Edinburgh in Junij nixt, efter his Majesteis perfyte aidge of xxj yeiris.

At this tyme James Steuart, fumtyme erle of Arrane, wes ordeanit to be tryed concerning the bill fent be him to the King, tuitching the accusing of his noblemen that come in at Sterling to have confpyred his Majesteis murthour, or transporting to Ingland. Ane chairge gevin to him to enter in waird within the palace of Linlithgow ; quho diffobeyed and entered nocht in waird.

Immediatlie befor his Majesties passing to Falkland, vpone the xxvij day of Majj, the erle of Bothuell chellengit and apprehendit ane Inglisheman fent to Scotland to poyfoun his hienes, or tak him away fum indirecēt meaner of way ; he and his marrowis wer conduit to this purpois be the Queine of Ingland, and hir bloody counfall. This lounie wes examinat be the King, and confest, and thairefter wardit within the caſtle of Edinburgh.

The parliament beguid the xij day of the monethe of Julij, quhair his Majestie, accompanied with his nobilletie, red to the tolbuthe of Edinburgh. Bot befor his vnloyping, thaire arrofe ane heiche contentioun betuix the erles of Crafurde and Bothuell, the lordis Fleming, Settoun, Home and Innermeithe anent thaire woites. The counsell fat thairvpone, and fand that the earle of Crafurde fould have the prioretie of woit, and that the lord Flemyng fould have the wote afoir the rest of the lordis. Qnhairvpone the lord Home chellendgit the lord Fleming with the fingular combat, quho wer not suffered to fecht, albeet they wer baith the weill willing. It wes aggregat at this parliament, that his Majestie fould have the haille temporall landis of all benefices annexed to the croune. A generall reuocatioun maid of thingis doune in his minoritye to his hurt, with fundrie vtheris guid actis infert in the biuk.

Barnbarro and Mr Peter Young returnit home in the end of August 1587, with anfuer of thaire comiffioun, not fo guide as wes liukit for. Vpone the day of October, theare wes ane Johnne Smollote, and with him a Frenche cavillyear tukin, going over the water betuix Leithe and Kyngorne to the erle of Huntly, quho wes fufpect of ane conspiracie aganis the noblemen in court, and wer committed to waird within the caftle of Edinburgh. Thearefter his Majestie red with ane hoift to Peblis, for ordour taking with the brokin men, and returnit the tent day.

Vpone the fext day of Februar, proclamatioun wes maid at the mercat croce of Edinburgh, makand mentioun that the lord Hereis wes not onlie negligent in his feruices vpone the bordouris, bot that he had brocht in papistrie in lykmaner to the countrie, and had fchot out the minifteris of Dumfreishe, and fo maid defection. For the quhilk his Majestie concludit to go in propper perfoun him felfe, and thairfoir chairged the inhabitantis of Fyffe, the scherefdom of Perth, ftewartrie of Monteithe, and vtheris to ryfe and meit his Majestie at Edinburgh, the first day of

Merche nixt, and so to pas fordward, vnder the paine of tinfell of lyfe, landis and gudis.

At this tyme Mr James Gordoune, father brother to the erle of Huntlie, wes brocht to the King be the erle of Huntlie. The King, hasing accused him of sawing papistrie in the hairtes of his pepill, reffoned with him vpon fundrie grundis, quhair of the said Mr James yeildit to sum, and denyed vtheris. [He] wes keipit clofe in his owin chalmer till the tyme of his depairting of the countrie, and went then to Settoun to mak him selffe rady.

Vpone the xvj day of Februar 1587, word come that the erle of Huntlie, lord Hamiltoun and vtheris wer all conuenit at Linlithgow, lyk as they had bein at Perth of befoir. Quhairvpone the King fend on Patrik Murray his awin seruand to the erle of Huntlie, to vnderstand his mynd; quho, professing his vnfenyied obedience towardis his Majestie, declaired he had no euill intentioun, ather to relligioun, or the present estaite, and [wold] come quyetlie to his Majestie. As indeid vpon the xxix of the said moneth, the King, being at the hunting, met the said erle at Cramound, quho, accompanied with ten or xij horsles and him selffe, come to Halyroudhouse, and lay in his hienes chalmer: quhilk nicht also the lord Hereis come in, and gat speiche of the King.

Huntlie went homewart to quenche ane contentioun wes betuix Balquhame and the toun of Aberdeen, weil lykit of his Majestie; and returnit vpon the day of Merche to court, quhair the lord Hamiltoun, Crafurde, Montroise and the lord Claud come also, and met him. In this meanetyme the King yeildit to ryd to Dumfermling, with the erle of Huntlie to the bancket: Quhaire the alteratioun of the officiaris of estaite wes cravit of the King, and libertie of conscience, bot bathe refusit. Sua that the King red away to Burley malcontented, and staved for four or fyve dayis; and thairefter come to Dumfermling, and from that to

Kynneill, quhaire he had the bancket of the lord Hamiltoun, quhaire a great number of the nobilletie past with his majestie, and come back all to Edinburgh at ewin.

About this tyme word come of ane great army of Spayneyardis, that wer to land at Scotland, and come vpone Ingland.

Vpone the xix of Apryle 1588, his Majestie, accompanied with ane great number of the schyres beyond Forthe, past to Jedburghe, of purpois to releive sum pledges givin to Ingland be his Majestie. Guid ordour wes takin at this read, and fundrie Teviotdeall gentlemen enterit in Ingland for bilis. At this tyme sum tumult fell out betuix the erle of Angus and Fernihearft, anent the cutting of sum wood, bot wes stayed without skeathe. The Kingis Majestie returnit againe from Jedburgh vpone xxvj day of Apryle; he wes that nycht in Halydeen, and fra that to Langtoun, and fra that past to fie Bervick, and stood a long tyme on the Calfehill, behalding Bervick toun. The haill capitaines of the toun come out to fie his Majestie, and sum of thame conferred with his hienes ane guid spaice. The toun schot a woly, and his Majestie at his depairtour caufit give the cannoneris ane hundereth crounes, and the porteris fourtie crounes in drink filuer. And fa his Majestie come that nicht to Dunglas, quhair he had the bancket of my lord Home; and fra that come forduard to Edinburgh.

In this meane tyme ane conuention wes haldin in Edinburgh of the haill nobilletie and estaies, quhaire his Majestie declaired that he wald perfew the haill papistis and feminarie preistis to the vttermoist, and craued theare assistance to this effect. Immediately in the end of this conuention, his Majestie, according to his proclamationis, red to Dumfresche to tak the lord Maxwell: bot the lord Maxwell hearing of this withdrew himself, and went to Kirkcubricht, and schipped with xxxv personis, and lay theare in the read ten dayis, eftir his Majesties comming to Dumfresche. Lykas the houe of Lochmabin wes forteseit, and

haldin at his command aganis the Kingis Majestie, be Mr David Maxvell brother to the laird of Covhill, and xxvj or xxx fouldiouris with him. His Majestie caufit charge the houle to be randerit, bot wes diflobeyit ; quhairvpone certane hagbutteris invironed the houle.

At this tyme his Majestie directed fir William Steuart of Carstairs knycht to the burgh of Air, for apprehensioun of the said lord Maxwell. Quho, hasing gottin ane schip theare with sex scoir hagbutteris or therby, and procured of his brother sone Andro lord Ochiltreie fourtie gentlemen of guid curradge and faschioun, come with the said schip in sight of the said lordis schip foranent Kircubrycht. Quhilk being perceavit be the said lord, he withdrew him selff, and past with ane and him selff in ane cokboit to Ilthay, and on the back of that ile fand ane fischer boit, quhairin he come to the land foranent the abbay of Crofregall. This being perceavit be the said fir William, he and his companie folowit, and comming to the said abbay plaice the said lord could have na entres thearin, and sa past to ane hosflar houle within the toun to his denner, thinkand that nane could folow him ; and as he wes sittand at denner, it wes spokin to the guidwyfe that sex or fevin gentlemen wer brekand vp the yet and duris of the place, and the said lord hearing their of elscapit, and past to the wood, quhair the said fir William, folowing him hardlie, tuik him in ane buse therof ; and brocht to Drumlenrik, he wes seik and ill at ease, for he had baithe the gulfe and bloodie fluxes, quhairof he wes thocht to die.

And becaufe they wald not rander the houle of Lochmaben, the King directed to bring sum peicesse out of Kearlell, quhilkis wer brocht vpone the vj of Junij, and began to the batrie of the houle vpone the aucht day of the samyn monethe of Junij. Vpone the tent day of the said monethe, fir William Steuart of Carstaires knycht past in to the said houle vpone assurance, and spaiking with the detaineris thairof, he movit thame to yeild, vpone promeis maid in the Kingis name that

theare lyfes fould be faifit. Lykas it wes randerit that famyn nicht, and the promeis being denyed be the Kingis Majestie, the faid Mr Daid, with vtheris fyve that wer in the houle, wer hanged vpon the morne thairefter, and the rest fend to Dumfreische. Immediatly heirefter the King held ane court in Dumfreith, quhairin all the malefactouris wer declaired fugitiues, at quhilk tyme his Majestie focht Robert Maxwell and William Kynmonthe, and vpon the xv day past toward Langhome; quhilk houle being brunt, with fundrie vtheris pertening to Will Kynmonthe, Castlemilk and vtheris, his Majestie returnit to Dumfreische.

Vpone the xvij day of Julij 1588, ane Inglishche ambaffadour come in to Edinburgh, namit Mr Ashbie, with aucht or nyne in trayne.

Vpone the xxj day of the faid monethe and yeir, Huntlie wes married vpon the duik of Lennox eldest sifter, within Halyroudhoule chappell be the bischop of St Androis, at quhilk tyme thear wes great triumphe, mirth and pastyme.

Vpone the tuentie sevint day of the faid monethe, his Majestie past to Falkland. And vpon the penult day of the famyn monethe, fir William Steuart of Carstairs knicht, quha had the custodie of the faid lord Maxwell, wes slayne be Frances erle of Bothuell abone the bow, quhilk procedit vpon ane lie and certane vtheris disdainfull wordis spokin be the faid fir William in the Kingis chalmer to the faid erle. The word of quhiche slauchter comand to the eares of Andro lord Ochiltrie, he fend immediatly to the faid erle, and geve vp kyndnes with him and his companie, lykas the faid lord Ochiltrie oft and dyverse tymes folowit the faid erle and his companie, werie hardlie in making of fundrie plotis and purpoife for catching of the faid erle, hovbeet it wes trew the faid erle efcapit moit narrowly.

At this tyme word come of the Spanische fleit and armie, quhilk wes betuix Dower and Kealeis, of mynd to onbeset sum part of Ingland;

bot they wer dissapoynted, for the Queine of Ingland sent out certane schipis that defeat thame mischantly. To the quhilk ane ambassadour craued support of ten thovsand men out of Scotland to Ingland.

Vpone the fyft day of August, proclamatioun wes maid at the mercat croce of Edinburgh, schewing the imminent denger wes lickly to infchew vpone relligious perfonis, the Kingis esteat, and the haill land ; ratefeand the leage maid anent the satling and manteaning of relligioun, and thairfoir commanding the noblemen and vtheris gentlemen throw all the countrie, to cause the leidges ryfe quhensoever occasioun offered ; to mak beeanefyres on the toppes of hilis, to conueine with all force, and to mak theare wapinschewingis, the southelyde of Forthe, betuix and the xx day of August, and benorth the vpone the last of the samyn.

At this tyme, Crounar Steuart wes direct ambassadour to Denmerk, to sie quhat the King mycht liuk for tuitching the mariadge. Vpone the xxix day of the said monethe of August, ane sir Robert Sidney ambassadour come to Scotland with xvj horffles in trayne, and, vpone the last of the samyn monethe, he gat presence in the chancellaris ludging betuix the bowis.

In the monethe of September, the Spanishe navie wes driven be storme of wether on the coast of Norroway, quheare many of tham perischit : lykas word come that xvj or xvij great schupis wer brokin on the coast of Irland, and sex thovsand perfonis and v^c parreischet ; and the rest of the navie driven away.

Vpone the xv day of November 1588, the said coronall Steuart aryuit at Scotland from Denmerk, declairing that his Majestieould find all theare at his pleasour, notwithstanding the deathe of the King of Denmerk, quho had appoynted his sone to tak sick ordour anent that mariadge, as he had nyndit him selfe.

At this samyn tyme, a conuentioun appoynted for reformatioun of disordoured thingis in the countrey. Lykas the nobillety assembled the

xxiiij day of the said monethe, and appoynted certane commiffioneris to sit as iudices in that parliament for punifchment of flaughter, to begin the first, and to continow to the xv day of Merche.

At this tyme Mr Alexander Lyndfay, brother to the erle of Cra-furd, being ane great courtiour, tuik the gift of the Kingis gaird over the maister of Glamis head, being captane of the gaird, quhairvpone the gaird wes brokin at the Kingis owin command. Qubairat the maister comming to Edinburgh to ane conuentionoun wes heichlie movit, his office being givin to him be ane parliament, and teane from him without offence. Quhairvpone fume braggingis past betuix the erle of Bothuell and the maister of Glamis, and great troubles licklie to fall furthe. Lykas the famyn nicht at ten houris at nicht, the pairteis for-gathared with vther on the hie calsey at the Black Freir wynd head, and had particular ambufchmentis layd for vtheris on ather fyde, bot wer stayed. Yit his Majestie caufit conuoy baithe the saidis pairteis on the morne to the abbay; the proveft and bailyeis wer the conuoyeris, and thrie or four perfonis only on ather fyde. His Majestie and his counfall called the pairteis befor thame, and efter fume tryell, fand thame baithe to have committed offence, and thairfoir ordeanit thame to be punifchit at his Majesties difcretioun. He commandit the erle of Bothuell to waird within the palace of Linlithgow, and the maister of Glamis to the castell of Edinburgh. His Majestie awowit in prefence of the conuentionoun, that gif theare fould be any convocation be any lord, erle or barrone aganis quhatfumever perfone, he fould reput the fame as doune to himfelfe. Immediatlie efter the diffoluing of the said conuentionoun, the erle of Huntlie wes maid captane of his Majesties gairde, and tuik vp xxx horfmen, and almany futmen.

In the begynning of Februar, word come to Scotland that the King of France had caufit kill the duk of Gveife in his awin chalmer, quhilk bred fick motioun that the toun of Pareife reuolted, and caufit harle his

picture throw the haill toun, awowing the King to be ane traitour, quhairvpone great infurrectioun wes maid throw all the countrie, sa that nane wes almoist in fuertie.

The xxvij day of Februar 1588, the King repaired to the tolbuithie of Edinburgh to the fesslioun, and ordeanit the secreit counfall to meit [that] efternoune in the said tolbuithie. In the quhilk counsel the erle of Huntlie, vpone copies intercepted of twa letters send out of Ingland, and presented be the Inglishe embassadour nemit Mr Athbie heir resident, wes accusit vpon his wryting to the King of Spayne, declairing in effect that he wes constrained to subscryve to the relligioun, and that he did it to insinuat himselfe in favour of the King; that he had gottin the gairde and his hienes eare at his plesour, and willed the said prince to arryve heir quhen he willed, and he sould assist and fortiefe him fa far furthe as lay in his possibilletie. The said erle denyand ony sick letter, and that the samyn wes forged be the craft of Ingland, past notwithstanding at the Kingis Majesties desyre to ward to the castle of Edinburgh, quhill he wer tryed foull or innocent of that sa heiche a treasoun. It wes sayd that a Scotis Jesuite fenyied the said letter; and the word wes that the Spanishe gold wes in Calender, to be distribute amangis the noblemen that wer at Calender.

In this meane tyme thaire wes ane great tumult in Edinburgh, and all men addrest thame selfis to armes to the calsay.

Vpone the vij day of Merche 1588, the said erle of Huntlie wes releivit out of the castell of Edinburgh, and Claud commendatour of Paf-lay wes accusit in the chancellieris houe afor the King and counfall tuitching the samyn letters, quhilk he altogidder denyed, and offered the combat till any man that wald accuse him thair of, calling thame lyaris and traitouris. It wes also thocht meit that he sould be wardit in the castell of Edinburgh till tryell, quho past to waird that samyn nicht.

The Kingis Majestie, within twa or thrie dayis efterhend being called to the banket be the said erle of Huntlie in William Fouleris housè, past out in the morning to the hunting, and tryffit to come in to his denner about ane efternoon. In the meanetyme the toun of Edinburgh and inhabitantis, being warnit priuely be thair magistratis to mak thame selves rady in armes aganis the Kingis incomming ; the word quhairof command to the said erles knawledge, being on the feildis with the Kingis Majestie for the tyme, tald his hienes of the word he ressavit out of the toun. His Majestie denyed ony sick warning to have bein gevin of his knawledge, yit the said erle being feared could not be perswadit to come within the toun, bot fled to Dumfermling immediatly ; bot the Kingis Majestie come in to the toun to William Fouleris housè, to the denner that wes prepared for him. Certane contrauerfie in wordis happining betuix the erle of Errole and the chancellor, the said erle, thairvpoun hasing reteired him selfe of court, come to the feildis quhair the King wes that samyn day, and conferred ane houre with his Majestie, and depairted.

About this tyme thair come a Frenche man packet bearer fra the King of Navare, desyring to have thrie thovsand waidged men ; the laird of Weymis past in England for the gold to tak thame vp with, and wes appoynted generall. About this tyme also, the erle of Merchell wes thocht meittest to pas ambassadour to Denmerk for the Kingis mariadge.

Vpone the secund of Apryle 1589, the King past from Edinburgh to Haltoun to the hunting, quhaire he remanit four dayis. In the meane-tyme word come that the northland lordis wer vpone the feildis, and conuenit at Brechin ; quhilk his Majestie hasing intelligence of in the morning airly, be the moyoun and advertisment of the maister of Glamis, and that they wer command with thair forces to Edinburgh ; quhairvpone his Majestie arose at twa houris in the morning, and red to Edinburgh, quhair he remanit in the chancellieris housè betuix the bowis.

The erle of Bothuell lykwayis reafed ane force of thrie or four hundredre men, come vpon the fext of the faid monethe to Dalkeithe, quhair he remainit twa dayis. At quhilk tyme his Majestie, hearing thair of, caufit fend charges throw the haill countrie on the vther fyde of Forthe, to ryfe bodin in fear of wear, betuix fextie and sextein, and repair to his Majestie with all heaft, vnder the panes, etc. The erle of Bothuell in the meanetyme sent fundrie commiffioneris to the King, offering him in his Majesties will, and to come to any pairt to his Majestie quhaire the chancellor wes not ; bot could not come within the toun of Edinburgh, fa lang as he wes with his Majestie, quhom he offered to proufe ane double traitour to his hienes, and accuse him of twa or thrie fundrie poyntis of treafoun. The King vtterlie refufit to spaik with the faid erle vpon any conditioun, quhairvpon the faid erle vpon the nynt day diffoluit his forces, and paft westward with fourtie and him self towardis Perth, quhaire he remainit quhill the lordis his adherentis wer convenit, viz. Huntlie, Errole, Crafurde, Bothuell, Murray, Montroife and thair forces.

Vpon the fame nynt day, proclamatioun wes maid agane, commanding all maner of man to pas fordward vpon the morne with his Majestie : lykas his Majestie, only accompanied with sex or fevin fcoir horsmen, paft from Edinburgh towardis Linlithgow ; the haill tounsmen of Edinburgh paft on fute agaitward that day. His Majestie awowit to perfew the faidis noble men to the fardest pairt of Scotland, or elis to reduce thame to his obedience.

In the meane tyme, word ryfes that the maister of Glamis is teane in fleeing to Kirkhill, and caried with him to the northe.

Vpon the fame tent day of the faid monethe of Apryle, his Majesteis force increffing more and more, paft fordward to Sterling ; on the morne to Perth ; furthe of the quhilk the lordis being diffoluit, his Majestie, accompanied with twa or thrie thovsand horsmen, paft fordward imme-

diatly to Dundie; fra thence to Brechin, and the nixt day to Cowie. Quhair the Kingis Majestie hearing that Huntly, Crafurd and Errole wer conuenit with thair forces in Aberdeen, to the number of iij^m men on fute and horfe, and wer of mynd to fecht his Majestie, his hienes tryfted to have bein at Dynnoter that nicht; [bot] took purpois in the middes of the way betuix Brechein and Cowie, to ly on the feildis him felfe all nicht, as in deid thaire wer pallyeonis stented, quhair his Majestie rested that nicht, and in Charles Movatis houe in Cowie wat-chit quhill fyve houris in the morning. And hasing reffavit sum ad-vertifment, that vpon the samyn nicht the lordis merched out thrie thorvand men out of Aberdeen to the brig of Die, of intencion to fecht, his hienes felfe maid ane exhortatioun to sikk as had remained with him in companie, declaired that sikk as faured the lordis and wer not myndit to fecht had reteired thame felfes fra the army, and seing they that wer theare to fecht wer not abone v^c men or therby, he schew thame how theare quarrell wes the defence of the trew religiou, and of his hienes persone, estaite and croun, in quhilk quarrell he douttit not bot they that war theare wald hazard lyfes, landis and all.

Word come in the morning that a fuerfe had overgone the lordis hairtes, and that theare forces wer dissoluit, and that the erle of Crafurde wes the first that past away and left thame. Then the barronis and vtheris gentlemen, confiddering that his Majestie wes in proper persone vpon the feildis, and the lordis quarrell to be fa frinole aganis theare awin natiue prince, they skayled ane and ane, and past away; for they wer conuenit vpon ane declaratioun maid be the lordis, that thay had his Majesteis warrand for that thing they did, quhilk they fand to be ane vntreuthe, als weill be his Majesteis awin presence, as be his priuat letters, and thairfoir a great number come in to his Majestie be-tuix Cowie and Aberdeen.

The Kingis Majestie come to Aberdeen vpon the xx day of Apryle,

[and] remained theare thrie or four dayis. Vpone the xxij day, the mailter óf Glamis is sent in, with captane Thomas Ker and sex or sevin vtheris personis to Aberdeen. His Majestie tuik purpois, in respect of the erle Huntleis delay to come in at Aberdeen, to pas to Straboggie to cast down the house, with the house of Slaynis, Buchvane and Fitterneir; and that nicht wes in Turray luing for the comming in of the said erle, and seing he come not, his Majestie past fordward to Straboggie on the morne. The nicht of his Majesteis coming theare, the erle of Huntlie wes conuoyed out be the maister of Glamis to the Terrifoule beyde Straboggie, quhair the haill noblemen that accompanied his Majestie wer at supper and ludgit. The said erle schuik handis with the said noblemen at supper, and efter they had endit, he and the maister of Glamis sovpit in the samyn house together. He wes delyverit to the laird of Carmichell and captane William Home in keiping, and conuoyed be thame vpon the morne afor the Kingis Majestie in to Aberdene, and fra that all the way to Edinburgh without sicht of his Majestie. At his Majesteis returning to Aberdeen, M^cKuntosche, Drum, Grant and vtheris barronis wer movit to subferye ane band for his Majesteis obedience. The erle of Huntlie wes wardit in Robert Gourlays house in Edinburgh.

And efter his Majesteis returning to Edinburgh, Mr Robert Hepburne and Mr David Lyndfy ministeris tranellit for the erle of Bothuell, and promisit to bring him in, vpon condition that his lyfe, landis and guidis shold be sayfed, and his freindis; quhilk the King yeildit to. Thairefter he wes brocht in, and put in the handis of captane Home in George Todrikis house, and therefter in a chalmer of Halyroudhous, and the erle of Craford command to Edinburgh wes wardit in his awin ludging.

Then folowit ane conuention vpon the xx day of Maij, quhair the erle of Huntlie and Craford wer callit in befor his Majestie and estaitis,

and thaire depofitionis reffavit, the erle of Huntleyis quyettlie in the yeard befor a few of the counfell, and the erle of Crafurdis oppinly in prefence of all the counfall. Certane poyntis of trefoun they denyed, and commiffioun fent to examine the erle of Bothuell; he denyed ony practife aganis his Majeftie or relligioun, as they did all; and declaired plainlie that his ryfing in armis wes to be reuenged of the chancellor only. Always his Majeftie and eftaitis thocht meit that they fould be put to the tryell of ane affyfe; lykas vpon the xxiiij day of the faid monethe, the faidis thrie erles wer conuoyed out of waird, to the heiche tolbuith of Edinburgh, quhaire they wer accufit of fundrie poyntis of trefoun. The erle of Huntly come in the Kingis Majefteis will for the haille thing layd to his chairge; the vther twa wer put to the knavledge of ane affyfe, and the erle of Bothuell conviēt, of conueining with certane vtheris noble men, betuix Leithe and Edinburgh at the Quarrel holis, anent the devyfyng of the alteratioun of the eftaite, and the Kingis Majeftie, and his countrie. The faid erle of Crafurde conuiēt of four poyntis of dittay, to wit of that the faid erle Bothuell wes conviēt of, of the fuppryfyng of the toun of Perth, conueining his forces theare, of the fyre reafing, and affaidging the houfe of Kirkhill, out of the quhilk the maifter of Glamis wes teane, and command aganis his Majeftie at Aberdeen, and vfyng harrang to feduce his hienes fubieētis to come aganis him felfe. This affyfe continowit till twa houris in the morning. His Majeftie and the chancellor remained in the inner counfell houfe all the tyme, and efter conviētoun, ordeanit the erles to be tranfported to the wardis quhair they had bein afoir; and at laft tuik conclufioun that they fould be put in fum fuirer wardein place. And fua captane Home tuik the erle Bothuel to Tamptalloun, the erle of Huntlie to Borthuick, and the erle of Crafurde to the caſtle of St Androis.

It wes concludit in the laſt day of the faid conuentioun, that the erle Merſchell, the lord Dingvall, the conſtable of Dundie, accompanied

with Mr John Skene aduocat, fould pas to Denmark in embaffadge tuitching the mariadge ; quho pafst forduard in thair ambaffadge magnificklie. Theare wes a parliament appoynted to be at Edinburgh the thrid of October.

Vpone the xij of Junij 1589, it wes thocht guid that his Majeftie fould pas agayne to the northe, to fattle the effaris of the countrey : his Majeftie tryfted to be at Aberdeen the laft of Junij, and to hald juftice courtis. Vpone the fecund day of Julij 1589, the King come to Aberdeen, and fet down deputis for halding courtes their : his Majeftie ftayed four or fyve dayis, and then pafst forduard to the Channorie of Rofe, quhair he flew ane great hairt, and wes weill bancketted and reffavit be the barronis and gentlemen in the way. His Majeftie ftayed four or fyve dayis in Channorie and Cromartie, and returnit back to Aberdeen about the xxvij of the faid monethe, quhair he remanit till the fourt of Auguft : vpon the quhilk day, a litle befor his Majefties lovping on to ryd to Drum, the erle of Errole, Achindovne, Buckvane and Cluny come in to his hienes ; weill reffavit, with fundrie vtheris Gordounes, vpon compositionis alwayis.

Vpone the fext of the faid monethe, word come to the King in Edzell, that the King of France wes flayne in his owin chalmer be a freier. In this tyme Efter Weymis tuik vp xv^e waigded men for the King of Novar, now alleggit King of France. His Majeftie come to Edinburgh, to fie how the Abbay wes decored aganis his wyfes comming, the Queine. Heirefter his Majeftie red waft to Hammiltoun, to the hunting and progres.

Vpone the xxvij day of the faid monethe, crovnall Steuart arryvit at Leithe from Denmerk, and come to Sterling to the King, with newis that the mariadge wes folemnizat betuix his Majeftie and the Queine befor his away comming ; quhairvpon his Majeftie immediatlíe red to Edinburgh, to fie all thingis prepared accordinglie as he thocht fitt.

About the xiiij or xv dayis of September 1589, the lord Dingwall come from Denmerk. He arryved at Stenebyfe, with newis to his Majestie that he had come in companie with the Quenis fleit thrie hundrethe myles, and wes separtat fra thame be ane great storme: it wes feared that the Queine wes in denger vpone the seas. The King remained xvj or xvij dayis in Settoun, luing for hir coming. Theare wes ane great propyne fend out of England to his Majestie, of fundrie thingis: his Majesteis clething and vtheris necessaris wer coft at Londoun, be Mr John Coluill and certane merchandis of Edinburgh, and brocht in vpone the xxij day of September. The Abbay wes weill mendit and prepared for all thingis, rady for the mariadge; and great preparatioun maid be the nobilletie and vtheris. Crounar Steuart wes directit to Norroway, to sie quhat wes word of the Queine.

Vpone the tent day of October, thaire arryved ane schip that come fra the Queine, quhairin wer fundrie of our awin men, namely Andro Sincler sone to the lord Sincler, togither with ane ambaffadour and speciall man fra the Queine, then being in Norway: quho come to the King in the chancelloris ludging, and declaired the great denger the Queine had bein in vpone the sea; and how being within ane hundrethe myles, scho wes drivin back to Norroway. So that scho wes vnhable, be reffone of the leckes wes in hir awin and the restis schipis, to come forduard; schewing also that hir counsell the admirall and gunneris had concludit to goe back to Elfinvre, and to leave the Queine quhill Scotis schipis come furthe to hir.

Quhairvpone the Kingis Majestie being struckin in great perplexitie, immediatlie tuik vp housè in Leithe, quhair he caufit reak to fyve schippis with all furnitour belonging therto, and send thame to Norroway, with ane great number of the nobilletie and vtheris flaitsmen. Lykas his Majestie tuik purpois secreatlie him selfe to pas in that jorney, and caufit mak quyet preparatioun for him, keiping his purpois close

fra all men, als weill the nobilletie as commonis; quho hearing of the brute wer werie forie, bot could not mend it. His Majestie with the rest fould [have] maid faille vpon Sonday at efternounge, the xix day of October instant, at quhilk tyme theare come on sick a deadlie storme, that the schipis lyand all in Leith read wer schakin lovfe, and driven all vp to St Margaretis houpe, and fua the journey stayed for that nicht. Vpon the xxij day of October, about tuelff houris at evin, his Majestie maid faile to Norroway with fyve schipis in company: his Majestie wes driven back xx or xxx myles with great storme, and read foranent St Monanis. Theare wer sum perfonis come in with the King without warrand, quho wer sent a land at St Monanis; and vpon the xxiiij, with a fair wynd come to Norroway.

Efter his Majesteis depairtour, proclamatioun wes maid be his Majesteis awin will and directioun subscrivit with his hand, makand the diuk of Lennox president in his Majesteis plaice, and the erle of Bothuell his coadjutouris, and to sit and minister justice at Edinburgh: theare wes a counfall appoynted for thame to assist thame. The lord Hammiltoun wes appoynted leiftennent, and the lord Maxwell warden. The lord Hamiltoun and Maxwell craved the assistance of the diuk and erle Bothuell, quha ran ane covrse for forderance of peax and quyetnes within the realme. The Kingis Majestie, be his awin privie letters and vtherwayis, exhorted all his Majesteis leidges for peax and quyetnes till his returning, with certificatioun gif they failyeid, etc.

Vpon the xxviiij day of the said monethe of October, the Kingis Majestie landit at Flakray on the coast of Norroway; quhair his Majestie remaining a great space went vp to Vpflo, quhaire the Quene his bedfelow wes for the tyme, and come [there] with great trauell baithe vpon sea and land, about the xix day of November thearefter; and immediatly at his comming, past quyetlie with buites and all to hir bienes. The rest of his company went to his awin ludging takin aganis his com-

ning. His Majestie myndit to give the Queine a kisse efter the Scotis faldchoun at meiting, quhilk scho refusit as not being the forme of hir countrie. Marie, efter a few wordis priuely spokin betuix his Majestie and hir, thair past familiaretie and kisses.

Vpone the xxij of November 1589, the King and Queine wer married in Vpslo, by Mr David Lyndsay minister at Leithe. The bancket wes maid efter the best forme they could for the tyme.

Vpone the xv day of December, the lord Dingvall, Barnbarroche and fundrie vtheris, specialis and foloweris of the lordis, arrayvit at Leithe with newis of his Majesteis guid succes and estaite, and that his Majestie wes only occupied in making of the Queine, and wes not myndit to come home befor the spring of the yeir. Lykas the hail schippis wer fend back, and his Majesteis quhole company almoist, becauße the King wes thair interteined vpon the Queinis chairges.

Vpone the xvij day of December, Mr Bowis embassadour, command in without conduct, wes commandit be the counfall to his ludging for a day. And thairefter compearit with ane letter from the Queine of Ingland, schewand that scho had gottin intelligence of noblemen and vtheris traffecking with the Jesuites, and that fence his Majesteis depairtour, there had bein letters sent be thame to Spayne and vtheris places, and promisses maid for subuerfioun of relligioun within the realme; and that fundre conuentionis wer keipit be thame to this effect, and that scho thocht guid to acquent the counsell thairwithe; certefeing thame, that gif they wald not tak ordour thairwith, or that they laiked pover or substance to doe the samyn, sche wald supplie the same to hir vtter pover. It wes answerit be ane generall letter: that they knew of na sick purpois, and thairfoir neidit nather to imploy thair awin force and pover nor hiris; and that the countrie had never beine in sick quyetnes, as it had bein sen his Majesteis depairtour.

About the xvj day of Merche, William Schaw maister of work come

from the King out of Denmerk, with directioun to cause the schipis the burrowis had appoynted mak out for bringing his Majestie homeward, to outred the abbay, and have all thingis in radines for his Majesteis homecomming, quhilk sould be in Apryle nixt ; schewing also that the Queine wes with bairne, and that the King and his company had bein weill interteaned. About the penult of Merche 1590, Coronall Steuart maid sayle towardis his Majestie, accompanied with twa or thrie schippis, and appoynting the rest to folow.

About this tyme word come that a feild wes struckin in France, be-tuix the King and diuk de Mayne, the king being nyne thovsand, and the diuk xv^m men, and that the King had wyn the feild, with great slauchter of his enemeis, to the number of viij^m. There was also many nobles and counfelleris of the Kingis slayne. The King wes praised as being moift curagious, and wes the first that geve onfet him selfe ; he and all the hoist beguid with prayer, and pat all in Godis handis, and thairvpone reposit vpone the certantie of victorie, quhilk he gat indeid.

Vpone the xiiij day of Apryle, Carmichell come from his Majestie out of Denmerk, declairing that his Majestie and his Queine wer to come home at the xv day of Apryle, incaice the diuk of Brunsvick, quha wes to come their out of Almany, did not come ; quho wes to marie ane vther dochter. And gif the diuk come, his Majestie wald stay bot vj or viij dayis longer for making his acquentance with him, and wald not stay the mariadge. Carmichell tuik vp ane gairde of j^c horfmen, and alfinay futmen ; and the word reafe, that Ingland had reakit out sum schipis for taking his Majestie be the way. About the samyn tyme the Justice Clerk wes directed out of Denmerk to Ingland, and returnit to Scotland about the xxvj day of Apryle 1590. Vpone the last day of Apryle, Crounar Steuart arryvit at Leith, with newis that the King wes at hand, and the haill fleit within the Scotis seas, and thairfoir directit to have all in radines.

His Majestie with the Queins grace arryvit at Leithe vpone the morne at nicht, being the first of Majj 1590, and remanit in the Kingis work theare, till the fext day of the samyn monethe, that the palace of Halyroudhoue wes maid rady. They wer met command out of the boit be the diuk of Lennox, lord Hamiltoun, erle Bothuel and a great number of the nobilletie, with sum honest men of Edinburgh. Thaire was a coronatioun appoynted at Edinburgh the xvij day for the Queine.

Thare come with the King and Quenis Majesteis the admirall of Denmark Callipeir, Monke the captoune of Elfinburgh, with fundrie utheris noblemen of the realme, and besydes that a xxx or fourtie personis in goldin chenyeis of guid faschioun. The number of the hail trayne wes ij^c xxij personis, quhilkis wer all interteined be the King and noblemen of Scotland, and bancketted daylie. They wer j^m and twa^c merkis evrie day for thair furnischiingis, during the tyme of thair remaining. Vpone the xij day of Majj, the admirall accompanied with fundrie Denffes past to Falkland, Dumfermling and Linlithgow, to tak seasing of the thrie lordschipis for the Queins dourie.

The coronatioun wes within the Abbay kirk vpone the xvij day with great solemnetie, and the croun set on hir head be Mr Robert Bruce and Mr David Lyndfay ministeris. At this tyme the chancellor wes maid lord Thirlstane. Mr Patrik Galloway maid the first fermoun, Mr Robert Bruce the secund, with ane exhortatioun to obedience, and caufit all the pepill hald vp thair handis; and Mr Andro Melwill ane oratioun in Latine.

Vpone the nyntein day of Majj, the Queins grace maid entrie in Edinburgh at the West point, and wes reffavit, efter a certane speiche in Latine, and delyverie of the keyisse as vse is, and wes conuoyed throw the hail toun vnder a waill to Halyroudhouse. Theare wes xlij young men all cled in quhyt talfettie, and wisseouris of black cullour

on thair faces lyk Mores, all full of gold cheneis, that dancit befor hir grace all the way. Vpone the xxvj of the samyn monethe, the Denfes past a schipbuid; they gat the banket of the toun of Edinburgh four dayis of befor: a woilley wes schot be the schipis and the castell.

Vpone the [vij] day of Junij, the erle of Worſcheſter come embaffadour from England, accompanied with the lord Comptoun and thrie or four scoir horſſes. He brocht a propyne to the Queine, quhilk wes ane clock, ritchly wrocht and ſet with Jowelis, ane carkat of perle, with ane tablet, and a knok. Quhat forder commiſſioun he had it was not divulgat; he remainit aucht or ten dayis, and depairted. At this samyn tyme, crovnall Steuart and Mr John Skenie past in ambaffadge to the diukis of Almanyie; and Carmichell folowed thame in embaffadge to England.

There was a conuentioun of the estaites for reformatioun of all inorneteis. The lordis of fesslioun wer intendit to be altered, and sum accusatioun past betuix Mr Johne Grahame and Mr David M^cGill, baithe lordis of the fesslioun, ather of thame accusing utheris of bryberie and kneavrie. At this tyme j^c thovſand lib. of the Kingis tocher guid wes givin to the burrowis in bank for ten of the hundrethe, quhilk extendit to ten thovſand pundis yeirly. Vpone the xij of the samyn monethe, the Queine went thither to Dumfermling and Falkland, quhair they remaynit a schort spaice: the King went to his progres west, throw to Hamiltoun and Inſchmirrane. The King returning tuik the Queine to Dumfermling, and fra that to Edinburgh, quhaire they remanit all wynter.

In the end of October 1590, word come that the King of France had left the ſeidge of Pareiſe, and that Parmey and diuk de Mayne had entered without batle thairin; and that the toun of Torbit a litle from Pareiſe wes wyn be the ſaidis diukis, and all the inhabitantis put to the fuord. It wes thocht that the King of France diſſoluit his army for want of wiveris, and that they wer long weiried.

Vpone the feird day of November, Mr Alexander Lyndfay brother to the erle of Crafurde wes maid lord of Spynie, and with him fir George Home and fir James Sandilandis knichtit.

In the begining of December, newis come out of France that the King had wyn Torbet againe, and pat all to the aidge of the fuorde ; and that he had teane the feildis, and that vij^m gentlemen voluntaris come in vpone thair awin chairgis, and myndit to fecht the diuk of Parmay befor his away going ; and the Bastillyee of Pareis wes mannit be certane tounfemen, quho called *Viva la Roy*.

Ane great controuerlie fell out about this tyme, betuix certane of the erle of Huntleis freindis and the Grantis ; quhairvpone forces wer reafed vpone ather lydis : and the erles of Atholl and Murray with the laird of Grant being in Tarnuay, the erle of Huntlie come to befeadge the houe, quhaire thear wes fundrie of the Gordouns flayne, namlie ane Johne Gordoun, fchot in at the movthe throw the craig and died. They wer all chairged afor the fecret counfall. Lykas, about the end of December, they wer all compellit to find caution for keiping the Kingis pace, and not inuading of utheris. Bot the erle of Huntlie, now being reconciled with the chancellor, had great court, and all doune at his plefour.

Great inquisition at this tyme for witches. Lykas Barbara Neapper and Evphane M'Kallian and Agnes Sampfon, wemen of guid reputatioun afor, wer teane as witches, with fundrie utheris baithe men and weemen. Sampfoun wes brunt, and died weil ; the rest wes keipit. Amangis the rest, ane Ritchie Grahame accusit of witchcraft confest many poyntis, and declaired that the erle of Bothuell wes ane treffecker with him and utheris, anent the conspyring of the Kingis dead. Quhairvpone the erle Bothuell, being fend for and accusit, being ane great poynt of trealoun, wes committed to waird within the castle of Edinburgh, and werie straitlie keipit.

In the beginning of Merche 1591, theare come in a great man out of Irland, to tak vp men aganis the Queine of Ingland, namit Bryanne Arroyk ; quho remayning about ten or tuelf weikis in Glafgow, at laft wes committed to waird within the caſtle of the ſamyn ; and theirefter tranſported be the pryour of Blantyre and the laird of Carmichell to Carleill toun, quhairfra he wes caried to the Queine and delyverit in hir handis, to the great greife of many and flaunder of the countrie, beſyd the ſkaiſhe the merchandis of the weſt had that trauelled to Irland. Vpone the xvj or xvij day of the ſaid monethe, fiur word come that the Chairterhouſe wes wyn be the King of France, quhairin the hail ritches of Pareiſe wes put in keiping. Vpone the xvij day of Junij 1591, the King maid his generall reuocation at Falkland.

Vpone the xxij day of the ſaid monethe of Junij, the erle Bothwele brak ward out of the caſtle of Edinburgh at twa houris in the morning, be the conuoy of Gilbert Lauder quho went with him. The King being in Tullibardin come immediatly to Edinburgh, and focht for ane force to perfev him at Kelfo. The erle of Bothuell come to the Nether bow and cryed in, deſyring ony man to bid the chancellor come and tak him, and he wald give ony man a croune ; and that ſamyn nicht ſovpit in Leithe, quhair the erle of Home joynit with him ; and the erles of Mortoun, Errole, maifter of Glamis and vtheris wer his fauoreitis. Quhairvpone the chancellor being affrayed, he ſent for the King, quho come to Edinburgh in all heaft. And his Majeſtie beand be the way in Weſterweymis, the erle of Merſchell come to him, quhom he wold not heir, bot committed him in waird. The ſamyn erle wes brocht before the counſell, accuſit and committed to waird within the caſtle of Edinburgh ; ſchortly thereafter fred.

Vpone the penult of Julij, the King wreyt for the nobility and barronis in all heaft. The lord of Spynie paſt to Angus for taking of the maifter of Glamis, bot come back without him. Quho thereafter wes

committed to waird in Blacknes, and releivit within a schort space, and wardit beyond Die. The lord Home wes commandit out of the countrey, and the laird Balcleuche lykwayis past of the countrey with licence.

Vpone the xxvij day of December 1591, be a conspiracie the abbay of Halyroudhoufe wes suppryfit. The erle of Bothuell, laird of Spot, laird of Nethrie, Archibald Douglas sone to William erle of Mortoun, and Mr John Colwill with thair affociatis, to the number of fourtie or fiftie personis, enterit in at a stable dur befyd the east geavill of the treatour toure, quhilk wes called the diukes stable, within the quhilk thaire wes a trape and ane entres priuie maid, quhilk past in to the plaice. And hasing entered therin, they first bereft the portour of the keyis, and then past to the chancelleis chalmer dur; they dang vp the samyn; he being forsein be the kry of ane boy that theare wes ane tumult of men in the clofe, he withdrew him selff and sum vtheris within his inner chalmer, quhilk hes ane narrow entrie, at quhilk the saidis conspiratouris strak with foir halmeris and schot pistoletis. Theare wes sum schotis of muscatis schot out againe; sum of thame wer hurt, and for fear to be trappit past to the Quenis chalmer dur, quhilk they brak vp, and wer put from it till they gead that samyn way they come: and in that meane tyme, John Schaw maister stabler wes slayne vpon the morne, and vther morne folowing, theare wes aucht of the samyn personis teane, and hanged without assyse foranent the Abbay yet.

The diuk of Lennox wes suspect of this purpois, be reffoun that ane of his seruandis William Steuart wes at the deid doing, and fugitiue with the rest. Certane of his Majesteis awin seruandis wer suspectit, specially Robert Land and Mr James Durhame of Duntarvie, quho wer apprehendit and committed to waird vpon the iiij of Januar. Lykwayis John Nesmyt wes accusit, quho wes committed to waird within the castell of Edinburgh, and fund heirefter to have bein the speciall plotter

and devyser of that bußlines; his lyfe wes speared, bot him selffe banifchit.

About the xx day of Januar, word come that the erle of Bothuel with a great company wes in the west pairtes, myndit to pas to Spayne. The diuk of Lennox and the erle of Huntlie war sent with commiffioun to tak the said erle; he narovly efcapit thair handis and past to Buit, or sum vther ile therabout. And they, remaining their aucht or ten dayis vpon a chack, wer compellit to returne home as they come as feild, except that they brocht in the scheref of Buit with thame, quho maid his awin pairt good. And then some of the said gaird wer fend for to tak John Smollert, as fufpect to have bein vpone this conspiracie; and the said John being brocht afoir the counfall, he wes examinat, and keipit a certane fpace. In lykmaner fir James Sandelands and the scheref of Buite war fend, with commiffioun to fearch and feik the said erle of Bothuell.

Vpone the vij day of Februar or therby, the erle of Huntlie, with fex or fevin fcoir of his freindis, past out of the Kingis houle, and maid thame to giang to ane horfe reafe at Leithe; bot quhen they wer theare, hafing the executioun of a blouddie conspiracie in thaire hairte, they past to the Queinis ferrie, quhair they had caufit flay the paffing over of all boittis, and past toward the plaice of Donnybirsell befyd Aberdour, pertaining to vmquhill James erle of Murray. Quhilk being the duelling houle of his mother, and he brocht to the famyn be the lord Vchiltrie, vpone his Majesteis promeis to reffave him in his hienes fauour, for any occafoun of hafing to doe with the erle of Bothuell, and vpone his Majesteis promeis to aggrie him the erle of Huntlie and the chancellor Mettland, fua vpone his Majesteis defyre and command foirfaid, the said lord Vchiltrie wreyt for him; quheare [vpone] he come to Donnybirsell, quaire he wes flayne.

That famyn nicht that he wes flayne, efter his Majesteis come in fra

the hunting, to his ludging in Nithreis wynde in Nicoll Eduardis houfe, quhair he ludgit at that tyme ; the lord Vchiltrie, hearing the bruit quhair of he had no certantie, being accompained at the tyme with fourtie or fiftie horffe of his awin, be reffoun of his deadlie feadis that he flood vnder, paff thame all in armes, and maid thame felffes radie to gang over to Dunnibirfell to fie the maner : lykas the erle of Mortoun promifit to fend fum of his men with him alfo. Quhair of the King being informed, fend for the faid lord Vchiltrie with all diligence to come vnto him, and in the meanetyme caufit cloife the portis, and geve command to the bailyeis to flay all his horffes within thaire fleables. Lykas at his coming to his Majeftie, efter long conference his Majeftie difcharged him in ony foirt to fleir that nicht, or to ryd by his knavledge. The faid lord efter fum fpeiches to his Majeftie reteired to his awin ludging. And vpon the morne thereafter, quhaire the faid erle of Huntley with his bloudie menzie maift treffonablie reafed fyre, brunt the houfe of Donnybrifell, and maift vnorthelie and fchamefullie murderit and flew the faid vmquhill erle of Murray, being the luftieft youthe, the firft noble man of the Kingis bloode, and one of the peiris of the cuntry, to the great regrait and lamentatioun of the haill pepill. And flew with him the fcheref of Murray, and hurt thrie or four vtheris his feruandis ; tuik fome of his feruandis alfo, and returnit peceablie back fra that execrable murthour, to the toun of Innerkeathing, quhaire they remanit all that nicht. The bloodie traitouris awowit that they had the Kingis commiffioun to this purpois, quhilk his Majeftie denyed. In the meanetyme of theare flaying in Innerkeathing that nicht, the faid erle Huntlie fend over Gordoun of Buckie to tell the King the newis ; quha wes haldin at the Kingis yet, and departed to his ludging. Quhair of knavledge comming to the lord Vchiltrie, and fum of the diuk of Lennoxis feruandis, and erle of Maris, he went and focht him warie diligentlie in the Cannogeat ; and hearing that he had teane horfe at a

backfyde and ridden away, the said lord Vchiltrie sent for his horffe with all diligence, and folowit efter him ; bot he eschappit werie narroulie, and come agayne to the erle of Huntlie in Innerkeathing, quhair he being at his denner reafe thairfra, and slipped away without paying of his lawing.

Vpone the nynt day of Februar, the dead bodeis of the erle of Murray and scheref of Murray wer brocht over the waite to Leithe be the lady Doun his mother, quha myndit vpone the morne thereafter to present thame to the King ; quhair of his Majestie being forseine, he past out to the hunting, and commandit the bailyeis of Leithe to arreast the dead bodeis in theare ludging quhair they wer, and suffer thame not to be transported quhill they knew mair of his Majesteis mynd. Many noble-men wer wreyttin for, bot nane come except the lord of Hammiltoun, quha went out that samyn day with his Majestie to the hunting. Captane Gordoun and his man wes brocht over lykways, with the dead corporis. Theare wes ane warrand procurit be the lord of Spynie, till have teane captane Gordoun out of Leithe to the castle of Edinburgh, to have eschewit the present tryell of law ; quhair of the lord Vchiltrie being informit, tuik horse, and his seruandis with him to the number of xxx or xl gentlemen weil horfit in thair armour, and folowit furthe efter the King to the hunting. Quhaire he come vnto the King vpone the northe fyde of Corstorphin craiges beyond Craymound, quhaire his Majestie wes takin a drink, lichtet, and stayed his horse at the hill fute, and come to his Majestie, and schew him that he wes informit that theare wes ane warrand procurit to carie captane Gordoun to the castle of Edinburgh, quhilk wald be ane henderance to his tryell in law, and the assyse and all vtheris thingis maid rady ; declairing to his Majestie how far this murthour tuitched his hienes, quhair of he besocht him most humblie to confidder, and quhat great wrong he had reffavit heirin his Majestie best knew ; quha causit him wrevt for the said erle and the

chancellor Maitland. Vpone the said lord Veliltrie his earnest desyre, his Majestie granted him a warrand to present the said captane Gordoun and his man to the tryell of ane assyfe that samyn day ; quhilk with all diligence the said lord did performe, and the said captane wes beheadit, and his man hanged, quho wer baithe at the said murthour.

Proclamatounis wes maid the tent day of the said monethe, to all noblemen, barronis and vtheris within a great number of scherefdomes, to ryfe in armes with tuentie dayis loading, and mak fordward with the Kingis Majestie, [the] tent day of Merche nixt, for pursuit of the erle of Huntlie, and the committeris of the lait treffonable fact within the palace of Halyroudbous, efter the King and Quenis Majesteis had remanit a certane tyme in Edinburgh, and the King and chaunceller wes murmured aganis be the commoun pepill, for not haffing sick regaird to the punisfment of that murthour as become. The Kingis Majestie, the chancellor and court tuik journey about the end of the said monethe of Februar to Linlithgow, quhair his Majestie remanit a certane tyme. They past fra that to Glasgou and Dumbartane, quhaire calling befor thame and thair counsell sum of the refetteris of the erle Bothuell, laitlie in these pairtis about Dumbartane, they wardit the laird of Foulwood and his wyfe, with sum vtheris ; and haffing taried a certane tyme, in theare backcomming from Dumbartane, in the toun of Glasgou (as all the countrie thocht purposlie, and as it appeared to eschew the exclamatioun of the pepill,) they returnit to Linlithgow. At the Kingis being in Dumbartane, the maister of Elphinstoun wes send to him in commissioun be the erle of Huntlie, quho, in the said erles name, offerrit him and his companie to a tryell for the said murthour, ather befor his Majestie and his counsell, or the justice generall and his deputis ; thinking that a commissioun, quhilk he purchest of his Majestie for the peruite of sick as assisted the erle of Bothuell, fould bein a sufficient warrand for the slauchter of the erle Murray. Always it wes thocht meit

heiryponne, that the erle of Huntlie fould be chairged to compeir befor the King and counsell at a day, that his compearance to abyrd tryell nicht be maid fuir, albeet nothing wes les meanit then wer that he fould bein therby indengerit or trubled. The chairge being direct out, it wes thocht meit that he fould [not] be sufferit to come in his Majesteis prefence, for the bruites cause, and for eschewing of forder mislyking of the pepill; bot befor the day of compearance to [be] committed in waird for his tryell. And sua the said erle, comming foruard in armis to keip the day, accompanied with seven or aucht^e men, wes chairged be the way in the toun of St Johnstoun, to enter his persone in waird in the castle of Blacknes, and his freindis in the castle of Edinburgh. He come to his waird, and enterit therin, bot his freindis past back, and dissobeyit the chairge. Efter he had remanit a fyve or sex dayis in wairde, he geve in ane bill to the counsell, and desyrit to be fred, vponne caution that he fould compeir vponne the thrid day of the nixt justice air within the schyre quhair he duelt, or sooner vponne xv dayis warning, and vnderly the law for the said murthour: quhilk, efter sum circumstances vfit, wes granted be the King and maist pairt of the counsell, and his releif put in the Kingis awin handis; and sua wes fred quyetlie be his Majestie, and past therfra to the castell of Fyndheavin, quhair he remanit in cumpanie with the erle of Crafurde a certane tyme; and thereafter wes fred simpliciter, or vponne caution never fund, as I hard. The lord Vchiltrie, seing how thir maiteris wer handlit, and how the reuendge of this murthour be law wes neglectit, quhairvponne he had staid all this tyme, and that his Majestie had promisit vnto him to folow furthe that maiter be law in all rigour; he, seing no appearance therof, passet over the water to the erle of Atholl, the erle of Montroise, M^rKuntosche, Grant, the laird of Weymis of that ilk, with the haill barronis apperteaning and depending vponne the house of Atholl, and causses fet down a band in wreyt, obliissand thame to concur

and goe foruard at all occasiounis quhen they fould be requyrit, or that occasioun fould offer, for the reuendge of that murthour : lykas he red throw all his freindis vpon the fouth fyde of Forthe, and caufit thame to fubferyve the faid band. Quhair of the King hearing be informatioun of chancellor Maitland, and his infligatioun movit his Majeftie to fend for the faid lord Vchiltrie, and to inquyre for the faid band. The lord Vchiltrie affermit and confest his traueilling and obteaining of the famyn band, alledging that he had great reffoun fo to doe, for he faw no vther appearance of reuendge to come ; afferming oppinlie to his Majeftie at all tymes, that he wald embrace and refufe no freindschip that wald affist and tak part in the reuendge of that murthour.

The Kingis Majeftie remaining in Merche at Linlithgow, the nobil-letie and eftatis wer wreyttin for to ane conuentioun, the xx day of Apryle befor the parliament, quhilk wes continowit to the xxiiij day of Maij thairefter. For efchewing and fchulting this conuentioun, the Kingis Majeftie ten or xij dayis befor tuik jorney out of Edinburgh vpon the fuddand toward Dundie, quhair he hard that the erle Bothuell wes fchipped at Bruchtie, and paffing thairfra to Kaithlne. At that tyme he remanit viij or ix dayis in Dundie, quhaire he vfit a tryell of fun perfonis that had reffavit the erle of Bothuell ; and thairefter paff to Perth, quhaire the erle of Atholl wes defyred to compeir afor his Majeftie and counfell, to anfuer for the refet of the erle Bothuell in his boundis and countrie. The maifter of Gray [wes] chairged for this famyn refet, quho wes fugitive. The erle of Atholl being fumquhat flaw in his incomming, proclamatiounis wer direct to mak foruard vpon him, bot the erle of Mar perceaving the extreametie, purcheft a commiffioun to him felfe and the lord of Tillibardin, to pas for Atholl and bring him in, quho did the famyn ; bot Athol come fubftantiuffie accompanied. And remaining quhill the day of the conuentioun wes expyred at St Johnftoun, his Majeftie come to Falkland, quhaire refo-

lutoun wes teane that the conuentioun and parliament fould bathe hald forduard, the conuentioun the xxiiij day of Maij, and the parliament within v or vj dayis thairefter ; quhairvpone the nobilletie and estaitis wer wrettin for of new to that effect. And thairefter the King come over at Erlfferrie to Fentoun ; and remayning theare about thrie or four dayis come to Dalkeithe, furthe of the quhilk he come the xxiiij of Maij 1592 to Edinburgh, for halding of the conuentioun and parliament.

At this fame tyme word come of the King of France wiçtorie over the prince of Parmey ; and how he had teane slicht, and wes defeat.

It wes thocht meit that, at the beginning of the conuentioun and parliament, they fould cheife the lordis of artickelis, vpone the xxix day of Maij in the tolbuthe of Edinburgh. Theare repaired to the samyn the duik of Lennox, erle of Angufe, Mortoun, with vtheris diuerse erles and lordis. Theare wes a new counfall chofen the fame tyme. The proces of forfaltour wes led aganis the erle Bothuell, laird of Spot, laird of Samuelstoun, Nithre, William Steuart sumtyme constable of Dumbartane, Patrik Comming, with certane utheris partakeris with the erle Bothuell. Sundrie guid æctis maid in favouris of the ministrie, and vtheris of the temporall estait ; I remit thame to the buik.

The King and Queinis Majestie remaining in Falkland in Junij 1592, vpone the xxviiij day betuix ane and twa in the nicht, the said erle Bothuell hafing conspyred the apprehensioun of the Kingis persone that nycht, accompanied with iij^e personis, and persevit the palace thair of fra that tyme to vij houris in the morning ; bot the King with these about him, being for seine and advertitit be the watche, withdrew himselff to the tour of Falkland, quhilk they had furnischt with wiveris, and schot furthe, and keipit the samyn without hurt. And sua the said erle depairted with his companie west fra the said palace, about vij houris in the morning, bot his Majestie not being any number, and his horffes

teane be Bothuell, he left of the foloving of thame. The gentlemen and haill inhabitantis of Fyffe come fast in hearing of this, and that Bothuell wes fled: theare come also Perth, Dundie, Covpar, with fundry vtheris burrowis, to the number of iij^m perfonis or thairby, or sex houris at ewin. His Majestie tuik purpois that same nicht, to pas at aucht houris at ewin to Brunteland, and vpone the morne come over to Halyroudhous, quhaire his Majestie remainit a certane spaice.

The erle of Angus wes command forduard to that conspiracie, bot suerued and stayed at Merkinsche; quhairvpone he wes chargit to compeir befor the King and counfall. The laird of Balweirie and Ardrie joynit thamefelffes with Bothuell.

The lairdis of Burley and Logie, delaitit to [have] had intelligence with the erle Bothuell, wer takin and apprehendit be the diuk of Lennox, the ix day of August 1592, and committed to ward within Dalkeithe; quhaire being examinat they baithe confest the same. Burley gat his lyfe for telling the treuthe, bot Logie, being a great courtiour with the King, and dealler with the erle Bothuell, in Bothuellis interpryse quhilk fould bein done at Dalkeithe, to wit, that they fould come in at the back yet throw the yeard, and gottin the King in thair handis, the said laird of Logie wes ordeanit to be tryed be ane assyse, and execut to the dead. Bot the same nycht that he wes examinat, he escapit out be the meanis of a gentlevoman quhom he loved, a Dence, quho conuoyed him out of his keiperis handis throw the Queinis chalmer, quhaire his Majestie and the Queine wer lyand in thair beddis, till a wyndow in the backfyde of the plaice, quhair he gead down vpon a tow; and schot thrie pistoletis in takin of his onloving, quhaire sum of his seruandis with the laird of Nithrie wer awating him.

Vpone the xv day of August 1592, the lord of Spynie wes accusit of the refet and intercommuning with the erle Bothuell, be crownull Steuart befor the King and counfall. Quhilk being denyed, efter mony

attestatiounis and offer of the combat, the said crownnar offerit to prove, be witneffe and fundrie vtheris circumstances, vpon the xxix day of the samyn monethe, assienit to that effect. The lord Spynie wes committed to ward in Sterling castle, and the crownar in Blacknes in the meantyme, quhair he had beine of befor, as suspect gilty of Falkland read. The day havig come, the crownar refust to vse ony witnesse or circumstances, alledging that it mycht be preiudiciall to the cause, for they mycht be flayne or subornit, and declaired that he wald vse his witneffe at the day of tryell; quhilk the counsell thocht expedient, and set a day to that effect, the xij of September nixt, and in the meantyme wardit. Vpon the v of September, Airdrie and captane Hackertoun, associates of the erle Bothuell, wer bathe teane in Leithe be the maister of Glamis and sir James Sandelandis.

In the meantyme the chancellor fled of court, and durst not remayne thairat be reffone of the illwill [of] the diuk of Lennox. The erle of Ergyle, erle of Mar, maister of Glamis remanit about his Majestie at Dalkeithe. The diuk quarrellit the chancellor for vsing sum tanting wordis. The court at this tyme beguid to mislyk the chancellor and Lyndfais that buir court of befor.

* It wes agreeet betuix [the diuk] and Sessfuid, that Patrik Murray seruand to the King shuld leid the teindis; sa the diuk returnit. They had ane vther purpose, to wit the taking and bringing in of Fernihearst, Hunthill, and certane vtheris bordourmen, suspect of the reset of the erle of Bothuell; bot not finding the tyme fit, and hearing that they wer gathered, they left, and returnit home. The purpos of the vplifting of the teindis of Kelfo and Sprouistoun wes refust be all men. Then the Kingis Majestie pressed the lord Ochilttrie thairwith, quho freelic vndertuik the samyn; quhairvpon theare wes fiftie horsinen

* A paragraph appears to be omitted here, which is supplied in the Appendix, from the other M.S.—ED.

givin him in pay, quhom the said lord payed monethlie, with the said rent of Sproffoun and Kelfo, during all the tyme of his theare being. His Majestie lykwayis wes informed that Boduell had ane that conyeed fals conyee, in the house of Row in Liddisdeall: vpon the quhilk information, his Majestie wreyt to the lord Vchiltrie, desyring him to go to the said house, and to bring sick men to his Majestie as he fand theare, togither with all sick instrumentis as could be their had for conyeing, with pover to reafe the hail cuntrye gif neid war. Quhair-vpon immediatlie the said lord Vchiltrie gatherd to the number of fevin or aucht fcoir horffe, all in armour, weil horfit, and red first to Jedburghe, quhair they staved that nicht, and refreschit him selff and his companie; and Ferniheast his brother in law sent with him thrie-fcoir horffe vpon the morne at nicht, red to the house of the Row at Liddisdeall, and theare tuik the twa men out of the house besyde the toure, and thairefter shrouk vp the duris of the toure, and brocht the ironnis that prented the conyie, with all the instrumentis, togither with ane number of xxx s. peices to the King, quhilk wer counyied theare, and delyverit the same to his Majestie in the Abbay. The fals conyier wes gone in England, and wes not to be had; to seik metle to counyie moir, as wes reported.

Vpon the tuelt day of September, prefixit to my lord Spyny to abyd affyse for the trefoun quhair of Crounar Steuart accusit him, the maiter wes continowit, and nothing doune till the xiiij day, quhilk wes also continowit, and his Majestie promitted to have the witnesse rady aganis the thrid of October. At this tyme a rayd wes proclamit to be at Jedburghe, the xxv of September, for taking of the border barronis refetteris of Bothuell, to the quhilk ane great number of scherefdomes wes warnit. The saidis personis being chairged to compeir dissobeyit, and past to the horne. The erle of Bothuell come to Haick, accompanied with thrie or four hundreth brokin men of the Grahames of Aik

and vtheris, to meit the King of purpois command to Jedburghe : and the King wes stayed hearing heirof, becaufe they repared not fa foone as they wer warnit to the King.

In the meanetyme Ferniehearst come in to Dalkeathe to the King vpone his knees, and cravit pardoun. He gat sick anfuere as he luikit not for ; alwayis it wes deliberat that his lyfe and landis shold be saife : quho come in thairefter, wes wardit in the castle of Edinburgh, and the proveit and bailyeis of Jedburghe beyond Forthe.

Thairefter his Majestie listid ane hoist of twa or thrie thousand men, and come to Jedburghe, quhair his Majestie held court vpone the malefactouris and refetteris of the erle Bothuell, quhair he coost down certane of thair bouffes. The drink at this tyme was maid keippar of Liddifdeal, and proveit of Jedburghe, and in November thairefter, fundrie of the outlawis come in, and offerrit thame selffis in will.

Immediatlie heirefter the erle of Atholl past to Tarnoway, accompanied with fundrie of his freindis, viz. the lord Vchiltre, Louit, M^cKunthofche, and quhat they with many vtheris could mak, of intencion to be reuendgit of the erle of Huntlie for the murthour of the erle of Murray : lykas M^cKunthofche vpone Straboggie land slew a great number thairefter. The King, for pacefeing this purpois, sent the erle of Angus as leitenment to the northe, vpone the [xij] day of November 1592 ; and according to the Kingis directioun, causit bathe the parteis subscryve ane assurance, bot of theare awin forme. They wer baithe commandit away ; the one partie to Dunkeld, the vther to Aberdeen, to funder the parteis. Bot immediatlie thairefter, theare wes slauchter maid be Allane M^cKildowie vpone M^cIntofche men and frendis, and great hearfchip.

Vpone the thrid day of December 1592, captane James Steuart was brocht in to the Kingis Majestie, be his cheife my lord Vchiltre, quho wes at that tyme in great credit with the King, be resoun of fundrie

guid proufes of fervice his Majestie had of him fra tyme to tyme of befoir, and fpeciallie aganis the erle Bothuell; and gat prefence of the Kingis Majestie and wes weill reffavit, efter he had bein levin yeiris or therby from court, evir fen the read of Sterling. Quhairat the minifteris cryed out and fand falt, becaufe he had fchewin him felfe hard to the minifteris quhen he wes in court, and wes the perfever of the erle of Mortoun at the King and counfallis command, according to a warrand granted theranent, as lykwayis of the erle of Govreis dead. The faid lord Vchiltrie brocht him againe to the Kingis Majestie, quhom with he fpak therefter, and then paft to the weft countrie with the faid lord Vchiltrie, quhair he had interteined him in his houfe therefter thrie yeiris, till the day of his deathe, quhilk wes the day of the yeir of God . Quho wes werie foully flayne be James Douglas of Torthoreall, of quhom he luikit for no herme: as it wes constantlie reportit, he wes flirred vp be fum about the King, fearing his incomming, bot chieffie remembring that he wes perfever of the erle of Mortoun, quhilk he did at the Kingis command and counfallis. He wes flayne command to Vchiltrie from Hafelfyde: quhaire of the lord Vchiltrie, being in court with the King, informit his Majestie; the quhilk his lienes wes heichlie offendit at, and promifit to had hand, and fie that maiter repaired with all rigor, according to juftice. Quhairvpone the lord Vchiltrie folowit furth that maiter befoir the iuftice, and gat him to the horne for non compearance, and vfit all the meanis he could to have had the reuendge of that bloude.

About the beginning of Januar 1592, theare wes ane Mr George Ker, brother to the lord Nevbotle, apprehendit in Cumray ile, as ane traffickin papift; and letters of the Peapis and King of Spanyis gottin in ane fark fleive of ane marineris; and he and they brocht to Edinburgh. Theare wer alfo apprehendit with him certane wreytis and miffives, direct from the erles of Angus, Huntlie, Erroll and fundrie

vtheris, with blank letters fubfcrivit be thame, difcovering theirin ane confpiracie aganis relligioun, the King and thair native countrie.

The erle of Angus, comming accidently to Edinburgh, wes teane and apprehendit be the fecreat counfall, and toun therof, and put in the caftell in waird. The King hearing heiroy come to Edinburgh in all heaft from Sterling, quhair he fend for ane great number of the nobilletie to tak ordour with this maiter.

And then fir David Grahame of Fentrie and Mr George Ker wes brocht from Sterling, to the tolbuthe of Edinburgh. It wes thocht meit, becaufe of Mr George Keris denyell, that he fould be butted, and the iuflice clerk and Mr William Hairte, being botted be his freindis, durft not doe the fame, vntill the tyme his Majestie taking the maiter hiechly, wold have the fame donne. And efter the fecund ftreak he cryed for mercie, and confeft all, and declaired that the blankis fubfcrivit be the erles of Huntlie, Angus, Arroll, Auchindovne [and] fir James Chifholme, fould bein caried to Spayne; and that ane Mr William Crichtoun of a Jefuite fould filled thame as he thocht guid to the King of Spayne. The commiffioun wes that xxx^m men fould land out of Spayne at the weft feas, and be conuoyed to the noble men theare adherentis in at Carlelle, and fua furthe to Ingland, and that fyve thovfand Spayneyardis fould be left in Scotland, quhilkis, with affiftance of the nobilletie, fould proclame libertie of confcience. In refpect of Mr Georges declaratioun of the treuthe, the King granted him his lyfe. The laird of Fentrie deponit the famyn, and therfoir wes execut.

About the firft day of Februar 1592, the erle of Angus brak ward within the caftle of Edinburgh, and paft north over to the reft of his adhearentis. Theare wes a read proclamit toward the northe immediatly heirefter. His Majestie tuik jorney be Sterling and Perth, and wes in Aberdeen the xxij of the faid monethe. The rebelis wer not

feine, bot fugitiue to Caitneſe. The haill countrie men wer called in ; the blankis and vtheris ſchawin ; and a declaratioun maid of his Ma-
jeſteis comming in theſe pairtes. Cantioun wes fund of the barronis for
the Kingis peace, ryſing and concurring with him quhen he pleaſit, and
for all obedience. And a generall band ſubſcryvit be the King, his
nobilletie and barronis, for ſtrait perſuit of the erles and vther foloveris
with all rigor. The erle of Atholl wes maid commiſſioner within the
boundis of Elgin, Forres, Nairne, Nes, Cromartie and all beyond Spay ;
the erle of Merſchell from the north waiter to Spay.

At this tyme come in ane Ingliſche ambaffadour namit the lord
Barroche. The commiſſioun wes, that, ſeing the King of Spayne had
teane vp banner aganis Ingland and Scotland for profeſſioun of the
treuthe, it wald pleaſe his Maſteſtie to denunce wear with him ; nixt that
theſe that wer of the lait conſpiracie mycht be folowit with all rigor ;
thridlie, that the league of amitie betuix the twa realmes mycht be
reiterat.

To the quhilkis anſuer wes maid be ſir Robert Melvill of Murdo-
cainie knight theſaurer deput : To the firſt, that no occaſioun of wear
wes offerit, be reaſone that the haill ſubiectis of this realme had frie
paſſadge and tread within Spayne ; and incaice he meant to perſev
Ingland be landing of his men heir, he wald give pledges that theare
ſould be no ſkeath donne : calling to mynd that theare wer many fair
offeris maid of befoir to the King at thair laſt ſtrait, bot never a vord
keipit. It wes anſuerit to the ſecound, that his Maſteſtie, being a frie
prince, wald tak na direccioun from the Queine of Ingland to uſe or
not uſe his ſubiectis. And to the thrid, that theare wes no break and
therfoir na reneving.

About the xj of Apryle 1593, the embaffadour departed homeward.
It wes then concludit that ſir Robert Melvill ſould be ſend embaffadour,
with a full reſolving anſuer to Ingland.

At this tyme the diuk and lord of Spynie wes aggreet, and he with his brother put in thair owin plaices. Vpone the xxviij of Apryle, the Kingis Majestie, alledging he wes to hunt, read quicklie out of Haddingtoun to Leidingtoun to the chancellor, dynit with him, and conferred long, quhairat the counfall wes agaft.

Vpone the nynt of Junij 1593, fir Robert Melvill wes sent in England, with ane full refolutioun to the Queine, and for reffaving the Kingis annuell he had yeirlie out of England. The miniftrie cryed alwayis out, and wer offendit at the ladie Huntleis being in the Abbay, hir husband being ane of the speciall conspiratouris : at last the Kingis Majestie movit heir with, and at the defyre of Mr Bowes embassadour, pat hir away.

The parliament began vpon the xiiij day of Julij 1593. The diuk of Lennox buir the croun, the erle of Ergyle the sceptour, and erle of Mortoun the fiord. The lordis of the articklis electit. Vpone the xxj day of Julij, the King red againe to the tolbuthe. The erle of Atholl being in the toun wald not ryd, becaufe his Majestie wald not condiscend to the erle of Huntleis forfaltour ; nor yit the lord Hamilton, being their also. And his Majestie caufed mak offeris to be gevin in in the erle of Huntleis name and the conspiratouris, for satisfactioun of his Majestie and the kirk. This parliament wes litle thocht of, becaufe the erles wer not forfalted ; it wes maid a current parliament, and continowit to November nixt. In the meanetyme ane great number of perfonis wer slayne in Sanquhaire, and theare bloudie farkis brocht to the King.

Vpone the xxiiij day of Julij 1593, the erle Bothuell and Mr John Coluill, quho had bein thrie yeiris banischt, come in, accompanied with the erle of Atholl, the lord Forbes, the lord Vchiltrie (quho joynit with thame for reuendge, and vpon promise to assist the reuendge of the erle of Murrays slauchter) to the number of twa or thrie hundreth

men, to the abbay of Halyroudhous; quhaire it wes reported that the said erle and Mr John war brocht in be the lady Atholl, at the back yet of the said abbay, betuix aucht and nine houris in the morning; and at the Kingis ryling, entered in his chalmer, quhaire his Majestie being putting on his clothes, the said erle and Mr John fell down on thaire knees, and geve theare fuordis vpone the grund, craving mercie and pardoun moift humblie, quhilk his Majestie yeildit to. There wes vpone this practize the diuk of Lennox, the erle of Atholl, the lordis Vchiltrie, Forbes and Spynie, with fundrie vtheris bandit to the samyn purpois with the erle Bothuell. Theare wes ane great tumult in Edinburgh for this. They come all down in armis, and cryed to vnderstand the Kingis mynd, quho cryed out, and sayd that he wes not captiue, bot weill, incaice that quhilk wes promisit be thame fould be keiped; and commandit thame all to the Abbay kirk yeard, to stay theare quhill he cald for thame; and immediatly thairefter sent for the provest and bailyeis, and commandit thame to dissolue and goe homeward; he hovpit all fould be weill.

Schortlie heirefter the erle of Mar, maister of Glamis, priour of Blantyre, with fundrie vtheris, reteired thame selves as malecontentis of the toun. It wes thocht meit that Bothuell fould reteir him of the toun, quhill he wer tryed of the cryme of witchcraft layd to his charge; and the tent of August fet for that effect. The King red immediatlie thairefter to Falkland, accompanied with the diuk, the lord Vchiltrie and Spynie, and returnit to Edinburgh to the tent day of August appoynted as said is. At quhilk day the erle of Bothuell wes put to the knawledge of ane assyse, and purged be thame all in ane voce. Immediatlie heirefter the King being bound to Falkland wes stayed be the lordis, quhill it wes agreeat that his Majestie fould pas as a frie prince quhaire he plesit, and that the erle of Bothuell nor none of his confederatis fould come neir him without his licence; and licklyk that the chancellor, the erle of

Mar and thair confederatis fould not repair to court, quhill the parliament appoynted the tent day of November. So as his Majestie depairted weill content, promitting be his oathe and handwreyt to restoir the erle of Bothuell to his landis, and all his confederatis.

Word come that the King of France wes turnit papist, and then crounit at Pareife.

Theirefter at a conuention appoynted at Sterling, it wes concludit and agreeet be the King and nobilletie, that feing his Majestie wes not sufficientlie pleased to his honour, anent the erle of Bothuell for his double treafonis, theirfoir he and his foloveris fould come in theare presence of new agayne, and crave pardoun on theare kneis, quhilk fould be granted, and thairefter that he fould retein him selfe from court, to the tyme that the parliament fould hald, at quhilk tyme he and his fould be restoired; and then that he fould goe of the countrie, and remaine during his Majesties pleaseour. Quhairat the erle of Mar, my lord Home, sir George Home, maister of Glamis, the pryour of Blantyre and vtheris being glad, returnit to court, and war weill acceptit of. Sir Robert Meluill and Mr Robert Bruce wer sent to the erle Bothuell to signefie the conclusioun afoir said; quho attending theare comming at Linlithgow acceptit werie gladlie heirof, and promitted to performe the same to his Majesties pleaseour. And this being declaired to the King be the afoirlaidis commissioneris, his Majestie wes weill contented thairwith. Schortlie theirefter proclamatioun is maid that Bothuell fould not come neir the court, within ten myles, etc. And the state floode sa at this tyme, that it wes feared that the papist lordis fould be reffavit in fauour againe: and on the vther fyde, all the ministry fauored the erle Bothuell, thinking him moift meit to be a chif-taine for the professouris, incaice they fand occasioun to come aganis the papistes.

The King remaining at Linlithgow to the day of October, in

come the chancellor and young Ceffurd with twa or thrie hundrethe horffe to the King, and wer welcome. The gairde of fiftie horffe wer committed to my lord Home, quho wes aggreet with young Ceffurd, and the chancellor with the maister of Glamis.

His Majestie being forseine at this tyme of a conuention and conuocation to have bein maid be the erle of Atholl at the castell of Doun, reale, accompanied with fundrie erles and lordis, and first fend chairges, nixt folowit himselff, for slaying of this purpois, and wes of mynd to have the erle of Atholl slayne. He wes accompaigned with the erles of Montroise and Govrie: bot he vpone intelligence had afor past away and efcapit; the erles of Montrois and Govrie abed his Majestie coming to Doune, and wer hardlie persevit be the Kingis companie, and in perrell to haue beine slayne, had not the lord Hammiltoun stayed the maiter, and that the gaird had not chance to forgather with thame, hasing gone ane vther way to Doyne. The erle of Montrois come in himselfe, efter the lord Hammiltoun had sayd to the King that the noblemen had not offendit, bot wer anfuerable. The said erle vttered hard termes to his Majestie, in that he wes so persevit, and sa yfed. Sua his Majestie returnit to Linlithgow.

All this tyme the papist lordis wer lyand about the court, within thrie or four myles, and had daylie purpoisse with the courtiouris. Chancellor Maitland depairted to Teuiotdeall, with proclamationis to reafe all the countrie aganis my lord Bothuell. A conuention was appoynted to be at Perth, quhair the erles of Huntlie, Angus and Errol wes ordeanit to be tryed, quhair they had ane allyse of theare awin chosing.

A new proclamatioun that all betuix sextie and sexteine within all the fouthie schyres sould ryse, and meit his Majestie in going to the bordouris, aganis the xij of October. And his Majestie passand foruward that day, the erles conspiratouris come all and met his Majestie at Fallow

kirk, a litle on this fyde of Soutray hill, and falling on thaire knees craved pardoun; his Majestie seemed not to ken thame till the day appoynted, and that the ministrie war pleased; quhairvpon they depaired back againe. His Majestie sent the lord Lundoris and maister of Glamis to tell the ministrie of theare comming in maner foirlaid, and of his answer; quhair of the ministrie mislyked, and bad his Majestie be doand, quhilk Lendoris reported to the King. The effect of this read wes to appoynt ane proveist of Jedburgh, and keipper of Liddifdeall, and to call in Ferniheast, Hunthill and vtheris the erle of Bothwellis fauourouris, vnder sick heiche paines, etc.

Theare wes ane assemblie of the ministrie at Edinburgh, quhair the barronis conuenit with thame vpon the xvij day. The commissioneris of the kirk, barrounis and burgeses, being conuenit in the Litle kirk of Edinburgh, and forseand the present denger, quhairinto the kirk within the realme, the Kingis perfoun, his estait and haill commoun weill flood into, send the personis folowing in commissioun to his Majestie, viz. the laerdis of Calderwood and young Merchistoun for the barronis, the commissioneris of Edinburgh, Dundie and Perth, Mr Patrik Galloway and Mr James Melving ministeris, with artickelis folowing: To desyre that the tryell of the lordis conspiratouris shuld not be heastie, bot delayit to sick tyme that all the professouris of the gospell wer rypelie advyfit quhat wes meitest in that maiter, they being thair partie and accusoris: Item, it is cravit that thir appostat conspiratouris, being accusit of the heichest treafoun committed, may be put in sum fuir waird, till ordour be teane with all the papistis quhair of they are the head, and till the estaitis advyse forder quhat maner of tryell shalbe vsit aganis thame. Item, it is desired that the estaites being advyfit as said is, the partie accuseris have the electioun of thaire assyse, and not thame selves as is pretendit. Item, it is cravit, that seing they ar excommunicat, that they be not admitted to have persone in judgement, nor benefit of

the law, quhill they be joynit vnto Chryft, according to the lawis of the countrie and his Majestie awin promeis. Item, gif his Majestie will not alter the day, (as they doubt not bot he will) then they crave that, as his Majestie professes relligioun with thame, and the saidis conspiratouris the contrair, they that be professouris of relligioun may be his Majesteis gaird, and that they be admitted in the moift sensible and wearilyk maner to be about his Majestie, to defend his persone from theare violence, and to accuse thame to the vttermoist; quhilk they ar myndit to doe, and it fould be with the loife of all thaire lyfes on ane day, for certanely they ar determinat that the countrey fall not bruik thame bathe, sa lang as they ar Godis profest enemeis. The King tuik this in verie euill pairt at the beginning, sayand he wald not acknavledge sikk commissiounis, that had conuenit thame selves besyd his priuetic or commissioun. Alwayis he sayd he fould continew that dyet, bot wald not let thame ken to quhat tyme or plaice. Yit senfyne his Majestie resolut to hald that tryell at Linlithgow, vpone the xxix day of Otober instant, and hes of new wreyttin to the nobilletie and estaites for that effect.

At this conuentioun haldin at Linlithgow, the ordouring of maiteris, and satling of the estaite to the suirtie of relligioun and his Majesteis persone, with the tranquillitie of the estait, in respect theare conuenit not sikk a number of noble men and vtheris as wer wreyttin for, wes remitted to sex of evrie estaite with sex ministeris, quhilkis fould confer, and give in sikk headis and artickelis as they wold be at, and then to meit at Edinburgh vpone the xij of November 1593. Qubairvpone commissioun wes granted to thame be act of counfall, to tak tryell in that maiter anent the erle of Huntlie, Angus and Erroll, withe the vther haill thingis in difordour and confusioun within the realme, quhilk is declaired to be als valid and effectual as ane assyse or court of parliament.

About this tyme ane great truble fell out betuix the lord Maxwell and the laird of Johnstoun.

Proclamationis wes maid that the perfonis refetting the faidis erles in thair houffe fould incur no cryme; and this wes to the effect they nicht remaine neir Edinburgh, quhair the commiffioneris and eftaites mycht the better intercommoun with thame. At this xij of November, the noblemen wreyttin for come not, and fua the eftaitis that come choufit out certane, as it wer twa of evrie eftaite with fum of the offeris of eftait, to wifie fick headis as wer to be reffonit on, and to repoint the famyn to the haill number foirfaid, quhilk fould conueine againe vpon the xix of November; lykas they wer wreyttin for againe to that effect. Vpon the faid xix day, the famyn eftaitis convenit again as for the laft tyme and dyet, quhilkis war thir chofin be reffoun na vtheris wold come; to wit, the diuk of Lennox, erle of Mar, the chancellor and lord Leivingftoun for that eftait; the lairdis of Bafe, Baleary, Abbitthall, Tullibardin and Airthie for the barronis; the commiffioneris of Edinburgh, Dundie, Sterling, Linlithgow and Couper in Fyfe. Twa or thrie of the miniftrie wer alfo prefent, quhilkis wald nather reffone nor woit in thefe thingis proponit, bot onlie cravit ane anfuer to fick thingis as they had givin in in artickles.

The King thocht it meit for the quyetnes of the eftaite, that ane act of abolitioun fould be granted to the thrie erles, Achindovn, and fir James Chifholme, for all thingis attemptit aganis relligioun, fpeciallie the fubfcryving of the blankis afoir fpecifeit, and vtheris thingis contenit in the fummondis of forfaltour intentit aganis thame of befoir; quhilk act of abolitioun wes defyrit to be granted with fum conditionis, that is to fay, that they fould firft fatiffie the kirk and miniftrie, betuix and the firft day of Februar nixt, and that they fould be fummond thairto afoir thair ordinar prefbitreis or finodall affembleis, aganis fum day within that tyme, to give the confelloun of thair faithe, fubfcryve the artikelis of relligioun, and folow the difciplin of the kirk in all thingis; and gif they refufit, to be expellit the countrey, and not to inioy the benefit of

the said act. Sum vther particular iniunctionis wer givin, and caution ordeanit to be fund vnder great lounes, for obseruing of the same. Lykas also, gif they attemptit any thing againe aganis relligioun or the estat of the countrey, of theare awin confessioun and consent sould [be] demeinit as traitouris without forder proces. This wes thocht meit be the saidis estaitis, chofen and ordeanit to be fend to the saidis erles, to vnderstand gif they wold accept of this conclusioun or not. The ministerie present protestit aganis the said act of abolitioun, and dissallentit fra the samyn; lykas they cryed out aganis the said act, with all that wes donne at this conuentioun.

At this tyme the erle Bothuell wes ordinit to be denunciit to the horne, for non compearance befor the King and counfall; and yit the horning wes stayed, and he in the meanetyme chairged to depart out of Scotland, England and Irland, within xv dayis, and thairefter to mak fuit for any thing he would be at.

Vpone the last day of November, theare wes a great fearling maid of the erle Bothuell within Edinburgh, and sum of his fauoureris teane and wardit, to wit Mr John Ruffell aduocat, and Robert Steuart scherefclerk; they wer first wardit within the toun, and then transported to the castell. Theare falt wes the refet of Mr John Colvill and the erle Bothuell; bot the speciall thing they challengit Mr John Ruffell for wes the lybellling of the summondis of reduccioun to the erle Bothuell of his forfaitour. Thir twa wes fred within twa or thrie or four dayis thairefter, for the quhilk the said Mr Johne payed tuelff hundreth pundis, and the vther vj^c pundis to the interteinment of the Kingis gaird, to the great millyking of many.

Vpone the next day of December 1593, the lord Maxwell warden of the west marches, hasing conuenit twa thovsand men or thairby in armes, quhilkis war lyand in Annandeall belyd Lokarbie, of intentioun to have assedgit the laird of Johnstons houe of the Lochwood, and to

have rooted out him and the memorie of his name in these boundis, according to the Kingis commissioun granted vnto him for that effect ; for the Kingis Majestie buir ane euill will toward the laird of Johnstoun, for that he fauored the erle Bothuell, and assisted him with sum of his men at the read of Falkland, and als becaufe he brack waired out of the castell of Edinburgh. Lykwayis theare wes a band past betuix the said lord Maxwell and the laird of Drumlenrick, Cloburne and vtheris, the said laird of Johnstons deadlie enemeis. It fell out sua that Johnstoun in the meanetyme, presenting himselff withe fourtie horsmen in companie, in the sight of the lord Maxwell and his great hoast, sum skurrouis of the lord Maxwellis to the number iij^{xx} wer send out to persue him and his number, quha taking the cheafe, had ane ambuschment of men, to the number of iij or iij^c, lyand darnit in a wood ; besyd of the quhilk number, theare wes a great pairt of the lord Balcleuches frindis quha brak, and layd the cheafe againe vpone the lord Maxwellis scurriouris, and folowit thame directly and mist hardlie, quhill they come on the great oast, quho seing theare men cheassit, tuik affray and fled altogither. And sua the lord Maxwell, being in slicht lykwayis with sum few of his frindis that bead with him, being vnarmit as thocht he regairded not his enemie, the laird of Johnstoun and sum of his owin name come to him, and the laird of Johnstoun as wes repointed geve him the first strek him selfe ; and sua the lord Maxwell efter he fell from his horle wes creuelly flayne, with fundrie vtheris of his speciall kyn and freindis ; sua sum wer also drounit, and sum war teane and flayne in the cheafe. The laird of Drumlenrick and Cloburne, Boverge, Hempseild and fundrie vtheris barronis of Niddell, being in the lord Maxwellis companie, eschapit werie hardlie with thaire lyfes. This wes esteimit ane strenge and vukouthe thing, that in sitch a confliet quhaire thair wes ij^m men, that four hundrethe sould put thame to slicht.

Vpone the xj day of December 1593, the said erle Bothuell, the

laird of Spot and Mr John Colwill wer denuncit to the horne, for non compearance afor his Majestie and counfall, to have anſuerit vpon maift heiche treafoun. Vpon the ſame day it fortunit fir Robert Ker younger of Seffuird, accompaigned onlie with one of his awin ſeruandis called Rutherfurd, to pas out of Edinburgh homeward to his wyfe quyetlie, quhilkis, in the way of plaine accident, forgathered with the erle Bothuell and ane Gibfoun with him, beſyd Humberie on this fyde of Soutray hill; quheare meiting twa for twa, they focht allong tyme on horſeback, quhair the laird of Seffuirdis man wes hurt in the cheick, and at lenthe beathe the parteis ſo weiried with long fechtung, quhill they affentit baithe to let vtheris depairt and ryd away for that tyme. Ceſfuird come back to Edinburgh, and tald the Kingis Majestie of that accident.

At this tyme letters wer ſent out, for chairging ſick perſonis as accompaigned the erle Bothuell at his laſt incomming to the Abbay, to compear befor his Majestie and counfell at a certane day. Lykas the erle Bothuellis aſſiſteris and fauoraris wer concludit to be put at with all extreamitie, and his houſe of Crichtoun and Ferniehaſt ordeanit to be raſit and caſtin down. The ſame xj day of December, theare come in ane Ingliſcheman namit fir Robert Karie, ſone to the lord Humberie, quho had no commiſſioun bot come to pas his tyme.

At this tyme the nobilletie and eſtates wer wreyttin for to a conuention, for ordour taking anent the baptiſme of the prince or princes, and the Queenis Majesties lyand in cheildbedleir; quhilkis nobilletie and eſtatis ſould be heir the xj day of Januar nixt to that effect. Immediatlie heirefter it wes concludit that hir Majestie ſould ly in Sterling caſtell, quhairinto ſcho ſould repair vpon the xxvij day of December iſtant. Sua vpon the xxvij day of December 1593, the King and Queenis Majesties baithe tuik journey vnto Sterling, and wer the firſt nicht in Linlithgow be the way; and at thair comming to Sterling

ludgit in the erle of Ergyles houfe theare, and fra that in the lady Maris ludging, quhill the caftell wes prepaired, quhilk wes than in doing.

Vpone the vij day of Januar 1593, the King paft from Sterling to Tullibardin, quhair he remanit a nicht and come back to Sterling. Vpone the xxvij day of the fame monethe, theare come in ane embaffadour called my lord Suitche, quha gat prefence of the King in Edinburgh vpone Sondag the xij day of Januar 1593 ; his commiffioun wes anent the perfuit of the papift lordis.

The nynt of Januar, the King come out of Sterling to the conuention, and vpone the morne come to Edinburgh, being the x day. Theare come werie few of the nobilletie or eftaites to that conuention. The names of thame that war prefent folowis ; to wit, the diuk of Lennox, my lord Hammiltoun, the erle of Mar, the lord Lyndfay, Leivingftoun, Settoun and Forbes, with a few number of barronis, and fum of the burrovis. It wes concludit at this conuention, that in refpect the papift lordis had refutit to embrace the aët of abolitioun, and keipit not the dyetis appoynted for fatiffaëtoun of the kirk, and depairting of the country, that the faid aët of abolitioun fould be null and declaired ineffeëtual, and that ane parliament fould be proclamit to the xxij day of Apryle nixt, and they fummond to abyde tryell of theare confpiraceis, and gif they failyeid in compearance to be forfeited. In the meanetyme his Majeftie elleët it ane counfell of the nobilletie prefent, to quhais judgement and deliberatioun he promittit to ftand in all his aëtionis, laying vpone thame the ordouring and manadging of all his effaires, and the quyeting of all the difordoured eftait : quho geve ordour in Edinburgh, fittand in counfall dayly, that the faidis papift erles fould be chaarged to ward in his Majefteis caftelis within ten dayis, vnder the paine of treafoun. The fame lordis wer chaarged accordingle as folowes, viz. the erle of Huntlie in the caftell of St Androis, the erle of Angus in the caftell of Edinburgh, and the erle of Arroll in the caftell of Glaf-

gow, within ten dayis, vnder the paine of treafoun, as the letters buir. Quhilk chairage they disobeyit, and sua declaired to have incurrit the paine of treafoun, according to the certificatioun of the letters. The Inglishche embaffadour vpone the directioun of the said chairage past to Sterling, quhair he remanit xij or xiiij dayis, to sie quhat folowit vpone the saidis charges, and quhat his Majestie did for the persecutioun of the saidis papist lordis.

Vpone the nyntein day of Februar, betuix twa and thrie houris in the morning, the Queinis Majestie wes delyverit of a young prince, within the castell of Sterling in his Majesteis chalmere theare; quhilk wes a great comfort and maiter of joy to the haill pepill, and movit thame to great triumphe, wantonnes and play, for beane-fires wer set out, and dancing and playing vsit in all pairtes, as gif the pepill had bein daft for mirth.

At this tyme the lord Vchiltre read to the Lochwood, and efter conference with Johnstoun theare, quho had suorne and promit to him to concur as ane of the freindis in the reuendg of the slauchter of the erle of Murray, they baird read forduard that nicht to the Benshaw, quheare the erle Bothuell and laird of Spot met thame vpone the morne. And theare they all subscriyvit ane band, to go forduard in the persuit of Huntley for the said slauchter, and suear to go forduard to the reuendge of the same, at all occasionis and with all diligence. Lykas it wes promit and appoynted amangis thame and theare haill freindis to that effect, that they shuld meet in Dalkeith, secund of Apryle 1594 folowing, and go over to Perth [to] the rest of thair frendis; sicker as the erle of Atholl, the erle of Montrose, with theare haill freindschipis, shuld meet and go forduard vpone Huntlie.

The lord Suitche embaffadour could not be content with his answer that he resst at Sterling, bot returning to Edinburgh remanit theare ane guid space thairafter, evir renewing his propositionis, and seikand

forder anſuer, quhill at laſt ſum headis wer givin him in wreyt, to be ſend to the Queine his ſouerane, to be advyfit with and anſuerit; quhairvpone he depairted notwithstanding malcontent, vpone the vj of Apryle airlie in the morning.

Vpone the penult day of Merche, the Kingis Majeſtie come out of Sterling to Edinburgh, vpone ane informatioun ſent to his Majeſtie be chancellor Maitland and ſum of the erle Bothuellis vnfreindis, that buir that Bothuellis intentioun wes comming with a force towards Edinburgh; quhairvpone his Majeſtie came thither, and ludgit within the toun in Robert Govrlays ludging. In this meanetye the King being informit that Bothuell, my lord Vchiltrie, and the laird of Johnſtoun and theare haill freindis war to meit at Dalkeathe the ſecund of Apryle, according to ane band ſet down at the Lochwood, cauſit trauell with Johnſtoun to draw him fra that ſocietie and purpois; and ſua granted him a remiſſioun for the ſlauchter of the lord Maxwell, to leave of that courſe. Quhairvpone the laird of Johnſtoun read back to Annerdeall with his haill freindis, and met not the erle Bothuell and lord Vchiltrie at Dalkeathe, according to his band and promeis.

Vpone the firſt day of Apryle 1594 at nicht, the erle of Bothuell come out of England, accompanied with iiij^c horſemen weill armit, to the toun of Kelſo, out of the quhillk the lord Home, Balcleuche and Ceffuird had immediatlie befor depairted with a force of ane thovſand men, quhillkis they had conuenit at his Majeſteis command, for perſuiut of the ſaid erle Bothuell, and quhillkis they had ſeparat for that nicht, ſeing they ſaw na appearance of Bothuell comming theare. About thrie houris vpone the morne in the morning the ſecund day of Apryle, as it had beine reported for ſuirtie aſoir, the ſaid erle of Bothuell come at nyne houris out of Kelſo, and lichted in Dalkeithe about fyve houris at ewin, quheare the lord Vchiltrie met him theare, with tuelff ſcoir tryed men on horſback, all with hagbutis, piſtoletis, jakis and ſteil bonnetis

in guid accippedge. They refrefcht thame felfes and thair company in Dalkeithe thrie or four houris, and then past vnder nicht to Leithe, staved theare with theare companie till about ten houris in the morning, ever expecting for boites to transport thame over the waite; bot that wes staved be a command that wes givin to stay all boytes on the yonder fyde, and tak theare failes and rutheris from thame, quhilk wes donne that theare could na boit mak sayle, nather at Kingorne nor the Queinis ferrie. Qubhairof they being informit that wes in Leithe resoluit to have gone back, and awated sum vther occasionis for that purpois, or elis to have gone sum vther way over the water. [They] pat thame felfes in ordour in four troupes, vpone the green on the fouthie fyde of Leithe forganis the wind mylne, quhilk wes about ten houris afoir nounge quhen they come furthe or thairby; befor quhilk tyme his Majestie had causit bring sum peices out of the castell, and planted thame abone the Lipperhoufe, quhair the heall toun of Edinburgh wer comming out with theare handfentyeis in all dilligence. The lord Bothuell, quhois companie wes appoynted theare thair steall, and the lord Vchiltre and his companie the wan gaird, went theare way in ordour and guid rank throw Lesterrick, bot with ane litle paife into Diddistoun, purpoillie to draw the lord Home and his companie from his Majestie, the toun of Edinburgh and haill futmen: and to that effect went forduard werie flaelie, quhill they come to the hill beyond Nithrie called Edmestoun eadge, on the east pairte thairof, and staved at the back of the hill. The gaird and the lord Homes company, thinking that they wer gone away, folowit moir rafflie nor wyslie. The lord Vchiltre and his companie, rancountering thame with ane vther companie of Liddeideall men that folowit efter him, givand thame the charge, put the gaird and lord Homes companie all to flicht, tuik xxx or xl of thame, and hurt some; and sua depairted without forder perfuit, and immediatlie send back the prissoneris againe. The lord Homes companie racknit viij^c

men or therby, togither with the gaird, being fiftie tryed men, the laird of Weymis, Carmichell, James Gray, Richard Prestoun, my lord Halyroudhousie with fundrie and dyverse gentlemen of court, to the number of iij^{xx} perfonis or therby. The lord Bothuell efter the chairge was given comming forduard, his horfe fell and strouk his choulder bleed out of lithe; sua his companie that wer iij^c and sum mea stayerd all with him quhill all wes donne. And they, lord Vchiltrie and his company comming back, met the erle Bothuell at the toun of Nithrie; efter they had called for all theare men, and seine that nane wes missing, they went forduard to Dalkeathe, quhaire they remanit a pairt of that nicht, theare refrescht thame selves and theare horffes, and fra that past the hie way to Kelfo. The greatest pairte of the companie went thither; bot the erle of Bothuell and the lord Vchiltrie, be resoun of the paine of his choulder, stayerd that nicht at Langhermestounes housie beyond Sovtray. And vpon the morne airlie went to Kelfo, quhaire they remanit ane vther nicht, and separat thame selves and past to Ingland.

Efter this his Majestie remanit sum dayis in Edinburgh, in dispefche of the lord Suitehe the Inglishe embassadour, quho, notwithstanding of all the fair offeris maid be his Majestie to persev the papist lordis, depairted male content. Always he ressavit his Majesties ansuer, in sum headis and artickelis to be sein be the Queine. Quhillkis in effect wer, that his Majestie mycht have hir concurrence and support of money, to the fortherance of that actioun of persuite of the papist lordis be way of deid; and that for eschewing of Bothuelis persuit in these pairtis quhair his Majestie wes not, in the vther actioun for the hendering therof, Boduell mycht be delyverit ather in his Majesteis handis according to the treateise, or vther wayis put out of the Quenis dominionis, or restraint fra trubling of his Majesteis guid subiectis, and hendering of his Majesteis intentioun to persev the saidis papist lordis.

Heirypon proclamatioun wes maid, commanding all his Majesteis subiectis beyond Forthe to meit him in Dundie vpon the xxix day of Apryle instant.

Immediatlie efter the depairtour of the Inglishche embassadour, his Majestie dispefcht Ester Weymis and Mr Eduard Bruce in embassadge towardis Ingland and France, to inuite the Queine of Ingland and King of France to the baptisme of the Prince, and to assure the Queine of his Majesteis perseuerence in foloving furthe the headis sent be my lord Suitehe; as also to deall with hir Majestie in sum vther effairis concerning the weill of baithe the estaites. Mr Eduard Bruce wes appoynted to return with hir Majesteis ansuer, and the vther to pas to France.

His Majestie come from Sterling to Edinburgh, quhair he appoynted preparatioun for the northland read, to be concludit in ane conuentioun than to folow and hald theare.

At this tyme word wes of Bothuelis incomming out of Ingland with greater force then afoir. The estaitis conveinand with his Majestie in the Nether tolbuith, thocht it meit with advyse of sum of the ministrie theare present, that first his Majestie shold have ane parliament for proceeding to the forsaltour of the papist lordis, then that they shold be persevit be way of deid; and sua the read steyed. The erle of Atholl and lord Forbes wer chargit to compeir befor the King and counfall that day, for trafficking with Bothuell, bot they compearit nocht, and sua wer denunciit to the horne for not compearance.

In the beginning of Majj, embassadouris war sent out of Scotland to Denmerk, Almanye, the Law countreis; that is to say, Mr Peter Young to Denmerk, [and to] the diukis of Bruinwick and Mickleburghe, and sir William Keath with Mr William Murray to the Law countreis, to invite thame to the baptisme. The chappel royall of Sterling wes teane down, and ordourit of new againe, with fundrie vtheris houllis for

the baptifme. The parliament haldin; the erles of Huntlie, Angus and Errol wer forfeited; M^cKleann, M^cConniell, Donald Gorme and fundrie vtheris alfo forfeited. The xv day of Auguft wes appoynted for the baptifme, to the quhilk all the nobilletie, barronis and gentlemen wer invited to be prefent.

About the tent or xij of Julij, Mr James Gordoun father brother to the erle of Huntlie, a jefuite, arryvit at Aberdeen, or within thrie myles therto, with fum vther jefuites and papiftis with him; he him felff with twa or thrie fart out of the fchip in the nicht, with theare packettis and vtheris thingis they brocht with thame. Vpone the morne thereafter the toun of Aberdeen apprehendit in that fchip twa Ingliſchmen, with ane that called him felfe a Fleemyng, quhom they fupponit to bein a Spayneard, and tuik thame and pat thame in waird. The erles of Angus and Erroll hearing of this, come accompaigned with fevin or viij^{xx} horſſes, and craued the delyverie of theſe men committed in waird, or elis awowit to burne the toun. Quhilk they refuſit, bot the erle of Huntlie command with a greater force nor the toun could withſtand, they wer forcit to delyver thame to him within a day or twa thereafter. Quhilk command to the Kingis knavledge, it wes thoct beſt that he fould pas in perfone him felffe with his ſubiectis fornuard againſt the erles againe, the xxvj of Auguſt nixt; and in the meane tyme geve commiffioun to the erles of Ergyle, Atholl, Forbes and vtheris to pas vpone thame, and hald thame doand with fyre and fuord to his theare comming.

The baptifme continovit to the firſt day of September, and the bancket beguid than that ſamyn day; bot becauſe the Ingliſche embaffadour wes not come in to the feird day at ewin, the ſolemne day wes continovit to the vj day, being ane Fryday. Quhilk day all thingis being maid radie, the Prince wes caried from his chalmer to the Chappell royall be the erle of Suffox and Mr Bowis, embaffadouris

for the Queine of Ingland. The fermoun maid be Mr Patrik Galloway, quhilk being finifchit, the baptifme wes maid be Mr David Cunynghame bifchop of Aberdeen, quho efter the actioun maid ane oratioun in latine. The embaffadouris of Denmerk and Almanye tuik leiff from his Majeftie, being propynit with goldin chenyeis, imbarkit at Leithe four or fyve dayis efterhend; and the Flemifche and Inglifche in lyk manner. The ritcheft propyne wes reflavit fra the Flemingis, wes worthe xij^m and iiij^c lib. togither with v^m leiveris yeirlye to the prence. The Inglifche embaffadouris propyne wes a cupboord ritichly wrocht.

About the xv of September 1594, fure word come to his Majeftie that Bothuell wes joynit with the papift lordis Huntlie, Angus and Erroll, quho levyed fum wadgit men for profecutioun of thair wicket courfes. His Majeftie then refolved to hald the read forduard, lifted j^m men of wear be help of his Majefteis burrowis, and be fum filuer advancit to his Majeftie vpone pledges. The hail cuntrey being vnder the proclamatioun, fum wer licenciat to byd at home be refloun of thair compositionis beftowit vpone payment of the fuddardis, quhair of thaire wes iiij^c horfmen and vj^c futemen. The erle of Ergyle his Majefteis leiftennent with his force, being lxx or lxxv thovfand men, command forduard tuik jorney to the northe vpone the xxvij of September 1594, paft in throw Badenioche, affedgit the erle of Huntleyis boufe of Ruthuen theare. My lord Forbes conuenit alfo his number of xj^c men, awaiting vpone the erle of Ergyles incomming; and at this tyme the erle of Huntlie and Erroll with theare force convenit at Elgyn, to the number of xv or xvj^c men.

In the meane tyme certane is teane for intercomoning with Bothuell, as namelie James Cochran, Mr Allane Orme, Willie Allane in Leithe and ane John Gibfoun, all execute; John Bartane, his wyfe, young Anftrether, his wyfe apprehendit and wardit.

The King vpone the ferd of Oötober past with his forces forduard to Sterling, myndit to go forduard according to the proclamatioun. Vpone the same day being the feird of Oötober, the erle of Ergyle his force and Huntlie and Errolis met at ane hill fyd called Glenleivat, a little beyonde the plaice of Auchindoun, Ergyle the leiftennents force being vij or viij^e men, and Huntlie and Errollis being xv or xiiij^e men. The chairge wes first givin be v^e horse of Huntleis company, and thairefter backet be him selffe and the rest of his armie, quhilk wes rancountered be the leiftennents wangaird. And in that conflict iij^e or iiij^e horse wer slayne to Huntleis companie, besyd xx or xxiiij of his kyn and name, namelie Achindoun, etc. The erle of Erroll schot in the leg with ane arrow, and evill hurt vtherwayis, and ane great number of his companie. Ergyles companie tuik the slicht notwithstanding, and theare wes iiij^e or therby slayne, speciallie Lochinyell and his brother.

The Kings Majestie come to Aberdein with his armie about the xv day of Oötober ; and the erle of Ergyle come to his Majestie at Dundie vpone the aucht day, with twa and him selffe, the wether being werie greiuous and vehement. The hail papist earles keipit thame selves quyet all that tyme the King wes in Aberdein, and na intelligence could be had of thame. At that tyme the barronis and vtheris gentlemen quho wer with the saidis earles wer hardlie persevit, theare escheatis disponit, and caution teane that naine vtheris fould refet ather the erles or thair complices. The houlfe of Straboggie and Slaynis, with the Nevtoun a gallant houlfe, wer distroyed and dimolischit, and the King red theare to that effect in propper persone.

His Majestie remainit at Aberdein v or vj weekis, and departing for lkearfetie of wiueris left behind him the diuk of Lennox leiftennent, togither with his counfall and barronis to assist him, and ane hundrethe wadgit horfmen and ane hundrethe futemen to attend him, besyd the countrie appoynted to attend him continuallie. His Majestie, this

being donne, and caution being fund be certane barronis for keiping guid ordour, depairted to the castle of Dynnotter the xj of November. The diuk stayd and tuik ordour with the haille complayntis of the countrie: and then vpone intelligence that the erle Bothuell wes with the papist erles in Elgyn, he tuik jorney therto; quhaire they wer finderit and dissoluit, and na forder donne theirat. He gat guid obedience, and efter sum courtis haldin theare, returnit to Aberdein againe, quhair he also held courtes, and delt with the erles for leasing the countrie; he stayd to the xij of Februar or theareby.

About this tyme thir thrie erles, Angus, Huntlie and Erroll, met with Bothuell quyetlie at the kirk of Memmure in Angus, and set down the headis of ane band amangis thame, the headis quhair of as they wer contenit in ane ticket, his Majestie gat thame subferyvit all vnder thaire handis fra the laird of Balwerie, quho wes in companie with thame theare.

This Majestie had ever great fauor and lyking of the lord Vchiltrie, and vfit all meanis and occasionis to persuoide and draw the said lord fra the erle of Bothuelis companie; and thinking that the erle of Bothuelis meiting with Huntlie and banding with him, sould be ane cheife occasion to move the said lord to leave Bothuell, his Majestie causit sir Roger Astoun, quho had maried a sifter of the said lordis, and Mr Patrik Galloway his Majesteis cheif minister to wreyt vnto the lord Vchiltrie, and causit send the double of the band vnto him, desyring that the said lord wald come to some pairt besyd Edinburgh, or to the toun of Edinburgh, quhaire he sould be in furtie till they sould bring the principall band and let him see it. Lykas his Majestie wes maist willing to pardoun him all bygeanis, and all those that folowit him, vpone conditioun that he sould not medle nor enter in companie with the said erle Bothuell at any tyme thereafter, nor nane of the papist erles, bot be his Majesteis permissioun and knawledge. Efter the reseat of the said letters

and copie of the band, the said lord Vchiltrie come with all diligence to Craiglockord, quhair Mr Patrik Galloway come furthe and met him in the nicht, withe quhom he come in to the toun of Edinburgh; and the nixt nicht folowing come doune to the Abbay, and went vp to ane chalmer abone his Majesteis cabbinat quhair fir James Sandelandis lay, and slayed theare quhill Mr Patrik Galloway and the said fir Roger Aftoun come vp with his Majestie thither. Quhaire the said lord, kneiling vpon his kneeis, craved his Majesteis pardoun for bearing company with Bothuell withe quhom his Majestie wes offendit, bot for ony euill mynd or intention that he had toward his Majestie or the troubling of his estaite, he protested to God he had not, bot onlie the regaird he had to his particular for the reuendge of the slauchter of the erle of Murray, quhairin he wes so greatlie interest as his Majestie knew werie weill. Vpone the quhilkis wordis his Majestie tuik him up be the hand, and sayd he knew all that to be werie trew: and vpon sum mae gracious speiches vsit towardis him, they conferred a guid spaice together in the chalmer, quheare he geve his Majestie full satisfactioun according to his hienes desyre, and reffavit ane kife of his hand, and pardoun for all byganeis; quhilk theirefter schortlie his Majestie geve vnder his hand and seall, and all that folowit him at the reade of Leithe, and went homeward to his awin houe.

Huntlie and Erroll departed of the countrie about the day of
 1595. Bothuell lykwayis departed of the countrie, first
 passing to Kaitnes, and therfra about the day of 1595
 to France, landing at the New heawin, and fra that past to Rowane
 and Pareishe. Angus remainit in the countrie in certane obscure
 pairtis, and as his Majestie wes informit about Douglas. Quhaire vpon
 his Majestie wreyt to the lord Vchiltrie sum few lynes vnder his awin
 hand, desyring him as he wald doe him acceptable seruice, to try and
 learne gif Angus reforted theare in Douglas or therabout, quhilk gif he

did, to mak purpois to apprehend him and bring him vnto him ; as lykways to bring twa of the erle of Angus seruandis, viz. Inglis of Breadlie, and Andro Morifoun quha wes fleuart to the erle of Angus, quho wer privie to all his courses at that tyme. According to the quhilk letter, the lord Vchiltrie vfit all diligence, and wes maist willing to effectuall his Majesties desyre as it kythed, in making purpois to have apprehendit the said erle and his saidis seruandis : and being advertist be his spyes that theay wer within Douglas and boundis thair of, the said lord Vchiltrie conuocat together of his freindis and seruandis to the number of twa hundrethe horse, gifing out the repourt that he wes to meit his Majestie vpone sum occasioun at Edinburgh ; and sua come fordward to Douglas, quhaire his spy met him, and schew him that the erle of Angus went away that dawing out of Douglas, quhair he had lyene twa nichtes of befor. His man Andro Morefoun wes yit in the toun ; the said lord inviroid the toun, and as he wes ryping the houlles, and fearfching thame, Andro Morefoun went out at the back of the yeard quhair he ludgit, quho wes teane and brocht to the said lord. Breadlie wes comming from Lenrick, as the lord Vchiltrie wes lykways informit, quhom he waited for lykways ; and he comming from the said toun of Lenrick, cheaslit him sum few myles and tuik him, and brocht thame bathe to Edinburgh to his Majestie. And efter they wer tryed, examinat, and deponit vpone thaire oathes all that they knew, theare wes some about the King, sicker as chancellor Maitland, sir George Home and the rest of that factioun, that wes verie earnest with his Majestie to cause hang thame. The lord Vchiltrie had procurit of his Majestie the custodie of the men ; quhair of being informit that his Majestie wes prest be some about him to have thame execute, sent for Mr Patrik Galloway, and acquainted him heirwith as he wes informed, schawing him that he [would] rather have given the halfe of his land, or they men incurrit any denger of thaire lyfes, seing they had given

his Majestie satisfactioun be theare depositiounis of all they knew, and he wald be cald bot a burrior to have brocht thame to the skaffold ; he had rather chosin to cutted theare headis of and brocht in, nor to brocht thame alyfe to the skaffold ; defyryng him to crave of his Majestie maist humblie the fauour to graunt theare lyfes. The quhilk commiffioun the said Mr Patrik Galloway declaired vnto his Majestie, quhair of his Majestie considdering werie gracioullie the said lord Vchiltreis entres thearin, lykas he had seine him so willing and radie, granted his defyre, and geve the said lord theare lyfes and to put thame at libertie, the quhilk he did werie honestlie. At this tyme the lord Vchiltreie wes not aggreet with Maitland and the Homes.

At Bothuelis passin out of Kaitnes, his brother Hercules Steuart and sum vtheris his fauoreris, Mr Allane Orme and certane vtheris wer execute, to the great regrait of the pepill ; for this Hercules wes ane simple gentleman, and not ane interpryer. Mr John Coluill wes his apprehender, and for that disgracit, because he promist him his lyfe. The leivingis of Huntlie and Errol wer given to the diuk, and he maid theare awin ladeyis and wyfes introuettouris thairwithe. Angus leavin wes lykwayis given to the diuk, and introuettit with be his awin chalmerlanis. Bothuelis leiving wes renuncit to Cessfurde and Balcleuche, and Coldinghame to the erle of Home, to thair awin houffes and vffes. It wes sayd that thir thrie wer vpone ane course of transporting of the prince from Sterling to the castell of Edinburgh. Johne lord Thirlstane, being oft tymes seik, recovered now and then ; at last befor his depairtour, quhilk wes the [iij] day of October 1595, efter great remorse for his synnes depairted this lyfe.

About the [xiv] day of October 1595, the lord Hereis, accompanied with sum incountrie men of the name of Maxvell to the number of iij^e personis, come to Lockarbie, of purpois to have focht and killed the Johnstons ; bot they wer dissapoynted, for Newwork wes left for

dead, and the laird of nether Pollock with xx or xiiij of the name of Maxvell wer slayne, and many teane priffoneris be the Johnstons, to the lord Hereis great difgrace.

About the xxiiij of November, word come that iiij^e failles of Spayne yeardis wer lyand at Byfkay besyd Burdeaux. The King come with the counfall to Edinburgh, to treat vpone maiteris of the reformatioun of the countrie, and the interteinment of his Majesteis house, the xxiiij of the said monethe. Wappinschawing is appoynted throw all the countrie, in respect of the word of the Spayne yeardis, and great preparatioun for fortefeing of the country, bot litle donne.

In the beginning of Februar 1595, aucht lordis wer appoynted for vptaking of his Majesteis haill rentis, propertie and casualeties; viz. Alexander lord Vrchart prefident of the colledge of justice, [the] pryour of Blantyre, sir David Carnegie of Colluthie knight, Mr John Lyndsay of Menmure, Mr James Elphinstoun of Innernachtie, Mr Thomas Hammiltoun of Drumcainry, Mr John Skene clerk of register and Mr Peter Young of Settoun maister Almoyare; quhilkis war solemnelie fuorne to respect his Majesteis profite and weill in passing of all thingis. They, according to thair commissioun, met together in the Over tolbuith daylie efternounge, and keipit werie preceise and guid ordour. It wes thocht now that all fould be weyll handled: they protestit that they socht nothing so muche as his Majesteis weill, and wald have no feall for thair seruice.

At this tyme the laird of Parbreathe comptroller and the provest of Glenclouden collectour war pressit to demit thaire offices, quhilk they yeildit. Nixt the maister of Glamis wes delt with for the office of the thesaurie, quho being difficile rassavit sex thovsand pundis for his guidwill in hand. The said Walter pryour of Blantyre in Merche 1595 wes maid thesaurer, and gat the ordinar feall of j^m lib. includit in his gift; and sir Robert Melwill geve over his office of deputie to the said

pryour, for the quhilk he had compositioun : sua the pryour wes full thefaurer. In the end of Februar, Mr Robert Bowes come in embassadour for the Queine of Ingland.

About the xiiij or xv day of Apryle, word come in Scotland that Kaleyis wes affalted and wyn be the Spayneyeardis, being in number xxv^m men ; it wes confermit be ane certaintie immediatlie thairefter. The forme wes this ; it wes betrayed be sex merchandis, quhair of thrie wer apprehendit be the leiftennent and hangit, and vtheris thrie escapit ; and in the meanetyme, the Spayneyeard affalting the toun in the nicht, assurance wes teane betuix the leiftennent and thame ; yit the Spayneyeard vndermynding the wall blew vp a great pairt of the toun with poulder, and pat many to the aidge of the fuorde : bot sa many as could be had of the Inglishe syd went for manning the citaideall, bot it wes also wyn and they all slayne. This wes in doing sevin dayis. Their efter theare past ane armie of xxx^m men to Spayne, and pat many to the aidge of the fuorde, wan Cadeise walis and fundrie of the Spanishe schipis with great slauchter. The erles of Essex and Suffex returnit with great spoyles of schipis and vtheris guidis, quhairat great triumphe wes maid, and bealis fet vp for joy.

Vpone the xij of Apryle 1596, the laird of Balcleuch, accompanied with thriescor personis or thairby, past to the castle of Carlell, ledderit and clame the walis thair of, and tuik furthe of the same William Armfrang called of Kynmouthe, being theare in prissoun, as takin immediatlie befor be the Inglischemen, at a meiting at a day of trew of the opposit warden with Balcleuche (being lord and keipar of Liddifdeall) and [to] his dishonour as he comptit. [He] cause blaw his trumpet on the hicht of the castell wall, and then brocht the said William away hailcart, slaying and hurting in the meanetyme thrie of the watches of the castell ; and yit not weil thocht of be the Kingis Majestie. Balcleuche being accusit heirof be the Inglishe embassadour, it wes

thocht na offence meritting his fying and delyverie quhilk wes craned. Always for fatiffeing of the Queinis Majestie, Balcleuche wes wardit within St Androis, vnder pretext of the intercomoning with Frances Morbray, fugitiue for the hurting of William Schaw, and making him his secund in a combat vndertakin betuix him and Young Ceffuirde.

About the xx of August 1596, word come quhilk wes trew that the erle of Huntlie come in Scotland; quhilk being first obscurit and thair-after diuulgat, the ministrie foundit and cryed michtelie out of thair pulpitis thairvpone.

About the xij of September, theare wes a conuentioun of certane of the nobilletie and estaitis, quhairat the erle of Huntleyis wyfe geve in in his name certane offeris, quhilkis wer hard, bot reiected allutterlie till sick tyme as they could vnderstand quheare he wes, and that cautionn could be fund afor his incomming in the countrie, for his guid behaniour, in sick forme as it pleased his Majestie with advyse of his Hienes counfall. Notwithstanding thairefter in ane vther conuentioun haldin at Dumfermling vpone the day of 1596, vnder pretext of ordour taking anent the Princes baptisme, it wes minted to be the said erles wyfe againe, bot no thing donne.

The baptisme appoynted the xxvij of November 1596, without inuiving of any strengieris at Halyroudhous. The Queine of Englandis embassadour Mr Bowes haldand vp the Princes called her lady Elisabethe, efter the Queine his Majestie, and sua wes cryed and called be the lyon harrauld *Lady Elisabethe first dochtour of Scotland*. Little or no triumphe wes maid bot in guid faire and cheir, because that it wes in wynter feason and ill wether.

In this meanetyme, the Inglishche embassadour compleanit vpone Mr Dauid Black for vttering ill wordis of the Queine, and calling her ane atheist, and that the relligioun of England wes bot the schaw of a relligioun. He wes thairvpone cited befor his Majestie and counsell,

quheare finding the embassadour fuerue fra the accusatioun, ane vther summondis wes lybellit aganis the said Mr David, quhairby he wes summondit to compeir, to answere vponne sick speiches as he had given out of pulpit within thrie dayis befor, to wit, that he had publictlie sayd in pulpit, that the papist erles wes come home be the Kingis knavledge and consent, quhairin his Hienes treacherie wes detectit; that all Kingis war deuilis and come of diuilis; that the deuill wes the head of the court and in the court; that he prayit for the Queine of Scotland for the fashione, because he saw na appearance of guid in hir tyme; that he red a copie of a summondis of suspensioun in the midis of his fermone in the pulpit, repellit and discust the rellonis thairof, and callit the lordis of Sessiou miscreantis, bryberis and holly glasse, and the nobilletie cormoladis; he calit the Queine of Ingland atheist; and last, that he and Mr Andro Melvill convenit ane number of barronis in Fyfe within the toun of Couper, and maid a couenant with thame to ryse in armis, make ane insurreccioun, and execute sick turnis as they devyfit, and for that effect electit four or fyve captans to be thair conductouris.

This Black vfit a declinatour of his Majesteis judgement, saying it wes doctrine, and that the profiteis and ministrie wer only judges competent to him *in prima instancia*; quhilk passing to ane interloquitour his Majestie repellit, and fand him selfe judge thairinto. Quhairvponne witnesse being calit in and suorne, certane of the speciales of the counsell wer appoynted to examinat thame themorne thairefter; quhilk being done, and the haill witnesse, being a great number all inhabitantis within and about St Androis, examinat, about xxvj of thame deponit the said Black to be giltye of the haill speiches befor speifeit. Vponne the quhilk his Majestie, ever inclynit to lenitie, superceidit his punishment, quhilk wes remitted to his Hienes plesour, in hoip that maiteris sould [have] bein takin away and packet vp betuix his Hienes and the ministrie, quhilkis all tuik a pairt in maintenance of that declinatour, be a number

of theare subſcriptionis interponit thairto. Quhairvpone inſchevit a great contraverſie betuix his Majeſtie and the miniſtrie, his Hienes acclaming to be judge to thame in all maiteris of treaſoun and ſeditioun, and they denying the ſame. This Black efter conuictioun remitted to the Kingis puniſhment, his Majeſtie wardit him beyond the northe water quhill his Hienes declairit his mynd.

Sundrie conferences wer betuix his Majeſtie and the miniſtrie anent the pollitick and externall gouernament of the kirk. Maiteris thair of [wer] hardlie reſſonit and ſtuckin at on ather fydes, quhill at laſt, be the miniſteris conſtant abyding at theare declinatour, and that they wer onlie competent judges in thair doctrine delyverit in pulpit *in prima inſtancia*, his Majeſtie wes heichlie exaſperat thairat, and at thear daylie declaming aganis his Majeſtie and his counſall, finding falt withe his Hienes courſe in the fauour ſchewin to the papiſt erles, ſpeciallie Huntlie, and impunging his Majeſteis lawis, actis of parliament and proclamationis, maid anent thair reſtraynt from convocation of thame ſelfes, and with thame the noblemen and barronis of the countrey at theare aſſembleis and vther tymes, without his Majeſteis privetie and licence, alledging the ſame to tend to a ſeditioun. Sum of the miniſtrie, that wer commiſſioneris for the reſt at Edinburgh for the tyme, wer chairged and commandit to depairt of the toun. Sum alſo of the tounſmen thoct maiſt familiar with the miniſteris of Edinburgh, to the number of xj or xij, wer chairged of the toun, and not to come within twa myles thairto.

The miniſtrie of Edinburgh, incenſit at his Majeſteis ſa hard proceeding as they thoct, geve out maiſt griuous and vnkouth ſpeiches aganis the counſall; to wit, preſident, ſecretar, Mr Thomas Hamiltoun aduocat. Speciallie Mr Walter Balkanquholle ane of the miniſteris of Edinburgh, preaching in St Jeilis kirk the xvij day of December 1596, ane euill day for the toun of Edinburgh, maiſt griuouſlie exclamit aganis the ſaidis counſelleris be theare names expreſt, and aganis his Majeſteis

coursē in fauouring of Huntlie, afferming thairby the kirk and relligioun to be in denger, and exhorting his auditouris, lordis, barronis, gentlemen, burgeſſe and vtheris to repeare immediatlie to the Litle kirk, quhaire the lordis Lyndſay and Forbes, withe the lairdis of Bargeany, Blackwane, Duntreathe, Hatton, Faldounfyde, M'Kleane and fundrie vtheris barronis, gentlemen and burgeſſes being conuenit at his deſyre, ane exhortatioun wes maid be Mr Robert Bruce, ane vther of the ſaidis miniſteris, declairing to the pepill the denger quhairin the kirk and relligioun ſtood, be the returne of the papift erles within this realme, and the fauour ſchawin to thame; and thairvpone deſyrit ſick as wer conuenit theare to hald vp thair handis, and awow the defence of the kirk and relligioun aganis quhatſoeuer. Quhilk being doune, ſum of the ſaidis noblemen and barronis, and ſum of the miniſtrie wer directed to the Tolbuithe, quhairin his Maieſtie wes for the tyme in the ower houſe, with commiſſioun to deſyre his Maieſtie, in reſpect of the denger quhairin the profeſſouris of Godis relligioun ſtood, to put theſe counſellouris from him quho geve him counſall to bring home they papifte erles, to the perelling of relligioun and his awin eſtaite. Quhilk commiſſioun being diſcharged ſum pairt to his Maieſtie, his Hienes, as the commiſſioneris and pepill murmured, tuik not the ſame in guid pairt, bot as ane miſcontent, withdrew him ſelfe out of the heiche houſe down to the laiche [down to the] Tolbuithe, and theare conuenit ſa mony together of the counſell as wer preſent, to advyſe vpone ane anſuer.

And ſua in this meanetyme, as his Maieſtie and lordis wes ſittand theare in counſell at the backcomming of the commiſſioneris agane, ane fray arreafe in the Tolbuithe being full of pepill, quhilk proceidit vpone ane fray that firſt beguid in the Litle kirk, quhairin ane cryed “The fuord of Gidioun!” and ſome vtheris cryed “Armes! Armes!” And ſua a great number of tounſmen, quhilkis wer thocht maift zealous in relligioun, and hanted in the companie of the miniſteris, pat thame

felfes in airmes, fome in corfleatis and fum vther wayis. Lykas the lord Lyndfay, lord Forbes and fum of the barronis conuenit in the Litle kirk, and with the miniftrie paft fordward to the Tolbuithe in ane great companie togither. And fua exclamationis paſſing throw the haill toun, and all men making to armes, theare fell out ane exceiding great tumult, to the terrour of his Majeſtie and all the lordis and vtheris with his Hienes in the tolbuithe, bot ſpeciallie the greateſt fear of the four lordis, quhilkis wes thocht to have beine ſlayne, to wit, the preſident, the ſecretar, Mr James Elphinfoun, the aduocat Mr Thomas Hamiltoun, and my lord of Menmure. Theare wes direſtit out from his Majeſtie and counſall theare preſent, the erle of Mar and the lord Vchiltrie, to the lordis barronis and miniftrie conuenit in the kirk yeard, to ſtay the tumult. They had great truble and buſſines in thaire outgoing, be reſſoun of the thronge of pepill; and at thaire comming to the kirkyeard on the back fyde, quhaire the lordis, miniftrie and all wer conuenit, ſome wordis wer wiſſellit at the firſt betuix the erle of Mar and lord Lyndfay, quhilkis could not be quenched a long tyme, quhill the lord Vchiltrie deſyred the lord Lyndfay to have patience, and heir the erle of Mar delyver his Majeſteis commiſſioun, as it become him weil to doe: Quhilk efter he did, he returnit with my lord Vchiltrie to his Majeſtie and counſall, quho wer ſittand expecting theare back comming. In this meanetyme the magiſtrates and honeſt men of the toun, ignorant of the maiter meanit, comming to ſpeak his Majeſtie, be his Hienes command ſtayed the tumult, and commandit all theare nichbouris to theare ludgingis. And quhen the matter wes quyetted, and that the lordis barronis and miniftrie that wer conuenit wer ordeanit to come down to his Majeſtie at efter noune, and to ſchaw theare greifes, the quhilk they promiſit to doe, his Majeſtie paſt down the Hie ſtreit to the Abbay on fute.

Theirefter the moveris of the tumult, convening thame ſelfes togither

in Mr Robert Bruces galrey in the back of the kirk at efternounge the samyn day, maid choise of sum commissiонерis, viz. the lord Forbes, the laird of Bargeanie and laird of Blackwane, laird of Faldounsfyde with sum of the ministeris, quhilkis they fend doune with sum artickelis to his Majestie to be answerit. They held fordward the way, quhill they come to the Abbay clofe about four houris at ewin. The Kingis Majestie, being informed of theare commissioun and of theare comming, called the lord Vchiltrie, and directit him, as he wald doe him maist acceptable service, to move and draw Bargaynie and Blackwane fra that companie. Quhilk he did with all diligence, for these twa men wer his speciall freindis, and brocht theare be him vpon ane day of law, for persuite of the lord Torthorell, for the slaughter of his vnquhill vncle James Steuart sumtyme chancellor of Scotland. Sua efter the said lord had teane twa out of that companie back to the toun with him, the rest of the commissiонерis, efter a litle consultatioun and advyement with thame selves, separat thame selves, and ilk ane of thame past ane fundrie geat, leavand of thaire commissioun vndischarged. The same nicht Barganie and Blackwane wer brocht in quyetlie to his Majesteis chalmer, at ten houris at ewin, be the meanis of the lord Vchiltrie, quho wer pardonit be his Majestie, and commandit to ryd home to theare awin houffe.

Vpon the morne the noblemen and barronis in this quarrell separat thame selves and past hameward; some of thame wer called thairefter befor his Majestie, and committed to fundrie wardis, furthe of the quhilk they wer be tyme releifit. Some of the inhabitantis of Edinburgh, thocht buslie on the callay that day armit with corfletis, and delaited as pairtakeris of that tumult, being thocht a treasonable conspiracie, (albeet never sa yit tryed out) wer straitlie put at, and for non compearance some put to the horne and vtheris wardit, bot finally all releifit and put to libertie home againe.

The four ordinar minifteris of Edinburgh, viz. Mr Robert Bruce, Mr Walter Backanquhell, Mr William Watfone and Mr James Bal-foure, being chairged to compeir afor his Majestie and counfall, and to be entered be the proveft and bailyeis, they wer fugitiues and denuncit to the horne for non compearance. Quhilk paffing over a long tyme, and fum meanes being maid for reftoiring the miniftrie to theare awin places, efter the famyn had waiked, and nather preching nor prayeris vfit in the kirkis of Edinburgh for ane great fpace, it wes drefsit with great deficultie, his Majestie ftanding in werie hard termes with the miniftrie, that they fould be reftoired to thair places. And for accomplefching of that work, with the refolution of fum questionis debeatable, and thocht meit to be aggreed on betuix his Majestie and the kirk, conuentionoun of the eftaitis and generall affemblic was appoynted and haldin in Dundie, beginnand vpone the tent day of Majij 1597.

In this foirlaid tyme, Mr John Wellche minifter wes chargit to compeir befor his Majestie and counfall, for fum fpeiches vttered be him in a fermone maid in St Jeilis kirk in Edinburgh, within thrie or four dayis efter that tumult, quhilk wes the xvij day of December, and for non compearance wes lykwayis denuncit to the horne, and aganis quhom his Majestie wes heichlie offendit. The lord Vchiltrie delt werie earneftlie with his Majestie in his fauouris, and procurit his pace, gat him relaxit and reftoired to his awin plaice againe.

At this conuentionoun appoynted the tent day of Majij 1597, the four ordinar minifteris of Edinburgh compearit in prefence of the generall affemblic haldin theare, and geve vp theare offices, as it wer at the apoftles feit, affirming that they fould never ferue quhill the diuifion of the congregatioun wer maid in aucht, and aucht minifteris appoynted to ferue the cure of the fame. For that commiffioun wes gevin to certane of the miniftrie theare, to fie that kirk of Edinburgh planted, with the kirkis of St Androis, Dundie and utheris; as lykwayis to fie

ordour taking with a great difflastour fallin out amangis the clergie of St Androis, quhilkis had devydit that haill cittie in factiounis; and a request wes maid be the assemblee to his Majestie to concur with the saidis commissiouneris for the better effectuattung of that turne. His Majestie and the saidis commissiouneris of the assemblee, with sum of his Hienes counfall, immediatlie heirefter convenit at St Androis, and displacit fra service thear Mr David Black and Mr Robert Wallace ministervis; as lykwayis, in schort tyme thereafter, inioynit Mr Andro Melwill and the rest of the doctouris to keip theare scoiles and colledges, and medle with na assembleis or presbitereis thereafter; and in end maid choise and placit Mr George Gladsteanis minister theare, thocht weill of and lykit be his Majestie and commissiouneris of the kirk at that tyme, and the haill honest citizenis of the cittie. Efter this the four ordinar ministervis of Edinburgh suitted to be reponit in theare awin plaices, quhilk wes thereafter granted.

At the said conuentioun quhilk endit the xvij day of Maij 1597, the artikles folowing wer concludit: first, That the money shuld be cryed to l. s. the vnce; that no forrane gold nor siluer shuld have cours, bot be vsit as bulyeoun to the counyiehouse; the counyeis of v lib. peices of gold, and x s. peices of siluer shalbe continowit and struckin without alteratioun; that na Inglish cleathe shuld be brocht within this realme; that the woll transporting shuld be restrait; that bulyeoun shuld be brocht hame be the merchandis, conforme to the actis of parliament; that the customes shalbe heichtit, conform to the actis of parliament and practick of old; that customes shalbe takin als weill of guidis command within the realme, as transportit furthe therof, quhilk wes thocht a noveltie. It wes concludit in the said assemblee, that erle Huntlie, Angus, Erroll shuld be absolut fra the excommunicatioun be thair ordinar presbitreis.

Efter this immediatlie a parliament wes proclamit to be haldin at

Edinburgh vpon the day of , quhilk wes fencit and continowit to the [iij] day of [November] thereafter. In this tyme the faidis erles wer absoluit fra the sentence of excommunicatioun, and refavit to the societie of the kirk.

Immediatlie thereafter his Majestie past about the [ix] day of October toward Dumfreische, for repressing the infolencie of the brokin men of the west bordour, of that resolutioun not to returne thairfra quhill that turne wes effectuat; as in deid his Majestie did mikle to it. In that tyme he hangit xiiij or xv lymmeris and notorius theifes, and compellit the principalis of everie breanche of the furnames of Johnstoun and Airmestrange, Beattifoun, Bell, Irwing and vtheris to enter ane or twa of the moift notable malefactouris of evrie breanche, quhairof theare wes xxxvj in number, as pledges that the haill skeathes and reafes committed be thame or ony of theare particular brenche, sen the laird of Johnstounis acceptatioun of the wardeanrie, quhilk wes about ane yeir and ane halfe befor that tyme, shold be redrest, the pairteis compleanand betuix and the secund of Februar nixt thereafter; and that they and all thaires shold absteine fra sick infolencie and thift in tyme comming, vnder the paine of hanging. Thir pledges being enterit wer committed to waird in his Majesteis housse and strenthes, and for the better effectuatting of this conclusioun, and keiping of the countrie in obedience and guid ordour, his Majestie constitute theare presentlie Andro lord Vchiltre leiftennent and warden over that haill west merche, and geve pover be commissioun to hald courtes of redres for tryell of complayntis and satisfactioun of his Majesteis guid subiectis compleaneris. And for meiting with the opposit wardenis, making and rellaving of redres, and also for suppressing of all forder infolenceis quhatsoever. Quhilk commissioun wes als lairge and ample as any quhatsumever ever granted to ony leiftennent heirtofoir.

This doune, his Majestie returnit from Drumfreische to Edinburgh,

quheare the said parliament wes begun vpone the [iij] day of [November,] and endit within aucht or nyne dayis thairefter. At the quhilk the saidis erles wer restored, baith be reducioun of theare forsaltouris, and ane act of abolitioun granted in theare fauour. The honouris wer borne the first day as folowis; the erle of Cassilis buire the croune, Sutherland the sceptour, and the erle of Mar the fuord: the secund day the erle Cassilis buir the croune to the Tolbuithe, the erle of Keatnes the sceptour, and the erle of Mar the fuord: and in the doun comming from the Tolbuithe efter the restitutioun of the erles, the erle of Angus buir the croune, the erle of Huntlie the sceptour, and the erle of Mar the fuord. Theare was a taxatioun of twa hundrethe thovsand merkes granted to the King be the estaites of parliament, for directing embassadors in Ingland, France, Denmerk, Germanie and fundrie vtheris pairtes. Sundrie actis of parliament wer then concludit, the particularis quhairof I remit to the parliament buik.

The lord Vchiltrie remanit leiftennent vpone the bordour fyve or sex monethes at Dumfreishe, halding courtis of redres, and pacifeing the countrey; he hangit and slew thriefcoir, with the moir of notable thiefes. He geve fundrie decreitis, and in his tyme caufit mak great execution of the saidis decreitis; and keipit the countrey in great quyetnes and guid ordour all this tyme.

About this tyme theare wes ane assemblie of the ministrie haldin at Dundie, quhair his Majestie being present vpone the [xxvj] day of Merche 1598, quhair it wes proponit that bischopis shold have woit in parliament, bot yit the maiter wes continowit. Sundrie greifes wer given in be the foure ordinarie ministeris of Edinburgh, and the presbiteris thair of and thair about, for that Mr Peter Ewet and Mr George Robertfoun wer admitted ministeris thear; yit all maiteris wer weil agreeet. The maiter of the planting of the kirk of Edinburgh wes long dispute betuix his Majestie and Mr Robert Bruce, vpone this particular,

that Mr Robert wald not reffave his admiſſioun to a particular floke be impoſitioun of handis and ordinatioun, without ane declaratour givin [to] him be the commiſſioneris of aſſembly, that he had lauchfullie exercit the office of ane paſtour in the kirk of befor ; quhilk maister efter many tryſtes wes aggreit and packet vp.

At the diſſolving of the quhilk aſſembly haldand at Dundie, quhilk wes about the day of , quhen his Maieſtie wes in his returne to Edinburgh, the diuk of Holſten his Maieſteis guidbrother come throw England in to Edinburgh, and wes convoyed the firſt nicht to Halyroudhouſe, quhare he wes reſſavit gladlie, and viſit in all fortis as a Prince. His Maieſtie heaſted to Edinburgh to meit with the ſaid diuk, and at his thearecomming interteined him alwayis as became ; he maid progres out of Halyroudhouſe over the water of Forthe to Rewinheuche the firſt nicht, fra that to Balcolmie, Pittinweem, St Androis, Leucheris, Dundie, Foulis, St Johnſtoun, Sterling, Linlithgow and Edinburgh, quhare he wes bancketted all the way. His Maieſtie bancketted him in Halyroudhous and Sterling mony a tyme, with great drinking and paſtymes, and with learge propynes.

In the end of Merche 1598, Mr Eduard Bruce commendatour of Kynloſe wes directed in emballadge towardis the Queine of England, with a commiſſioun to excuſe his Maieſtie of ſum thingis allegit ſpokin be his Hienes in parliament, anent hir proceeding in nominatioun of the ſecond perſone and great ſteuart, in his Maieſteis preiudice to the richt of the croune of England, and to propone ſum vtheris particularis concerning the eſtate of the twa bordouris and twa realmis. He returnit in Maji thairefter, with word that a peace wes concludit betuix the King of Spayne and France, within the quhilk it wes craved that the Queine of England and the eſtates of the Law countreis ſould be includit, if it pleaſed thame vpon ſick conditionis. In this peace it wes concludit that the inquiſitioun of Spayne and halye houſe ſould be diſchargit, and

not extendit to strangeris ; that all forreneris mycht tread theare at thear plefour without challenge ; that Caleyfe fould be reftoired to the King of France, vpone the xxij day of Maij foirfaid.

Vpone the xxiiij day of Junij nixt, theare wes a conuentioun appoynted to hald at Edinburgh of the nobilletie and esteatis : at quhilk day theare wer presnt, the diuk of Lennox, lord Hamiltoun, the erles of Angus, Erroll, Cassilis, Mar, Glencairne, Sutherland ; the lordis Settoun, Leivingstoun, Nevbotle, with fundrie vtheris. Quheareat wes treatted the headis and artickelis folowing ; for fetting doune a rent to his Majestie for the dischairge of his princelie effearis ; anent the election of his defynit counfall remitted to the parliament ; the checker to fit anis in the yeir in Julij allenerlie ; Mononday appoynted a play day ; his Majestie passing to Kyntyre ; the bischop of Glasgou reftoired ; anent the scherefis and horneris ; the ordour alreadie fet down to stand anent away taking of feadis ; anent provisioun for armour, with fundrie vtheris guid actis.

Immediatlie efter the dissolving of the said conuentioun, his Majestie past out of Edinburgh to Sterling, and from that to Falkland. His Majestie returnit againe to Edinburgh the xx day of Julij, for ordour taking with the fead betuix the erle of Mar, lord Leivingstoun and maister of Elphinstoun. About the tuentie of October, the gentlemen interpryeris to conqueis the Lewes past forduard in that woyadge.

Vpone the xxvij day of October, theare wes a conuentioun of ane number of the nobilletie, quhairat the counye als weil our awin as forrene wes cryed down, to the great hurt of the leidges ; an electioun of the counfall, and ane greater number of the nobilletie concludit to be wreyttin for, agane the tent day of December nixt thairefter at Edinburgh.

At quhilk tyme they met, and treattit vpon the materis folowing ; to wit, that theare fould be ane defynit counfell of xxxj perfonis, quhair-

of xvj fould be noblemen, and the rest officiaris, barronis and vtheris at his Majesteis nominatioun, quhilk fould fit in his Majesteis palice vpone Tylday and Thurfday weeklie at efternoune, and have a pover and auctoritie to command, in quhatfoevir pairtes they fould happin to refoirt, his Majesteis fubiectis makaris of conuocatioun, ryotis or sick tumultis in the countrey, [and] to commit in waird or fyne as they fould think guid. They war first fuorne, and with fufcryving geve theare oathes that they fould give his Majestie trew and faithfull counfall in all his royall effearis, ather concerning himfelf or the weil of the countrey. The names war thir; the diuk of Lennox, the erles of Angus, Caffilis, Mar, Glencairne, Montroife quho wes maid prefident of this counfell; the lordis Settoun, Flemyng, Leivingftoun, Vchiltrie, Newbotle, Fyvie; the thefaurer, fecretar, comptroller, clerk of register, aduocat, juftice clerk, priue feall, collectour elymoyinare, commendatour of Kynlofe, bifhop of Dunkeld; the lairdis of Traquaire, fir George Home, Carmichell. Thir war prefent, and the rest remitted to his Majesteis nominatioun quhen his Hienes thocht guid. The conyie wes ordeanit to be cryed vp againe in this maner folowing; viz. the vnce of our awin frie fyne filuer to be at liij s. iiij d. and the vnce of forrene filuer to be at l s., and the gold proportionallie according to the fpaices particularlie fet down; wapponfchawingis wer appoynted to be haldin vpone the first Monondayis of Maij, Junij, Julij; the counfell wes ordeanit to tak ordour with the bordour maiteris, fcherefis, hornaris and sick vtheris thingis proponit at the conuentioun. Quhilkis being endit, the counfall helde forduard, and began according to the prefcryvit ordour.

THE FYFT DAY OF AUGUST 1600.

MR ALEXANDER RUTHUEN brother to the erle of Govrie come tymuſſie to Falkland, quho did informe the Kingis Maieſtie that certane gold wes fund within the grund in a plaice, with the quhilk he wald on na wayis medle, vnto lick tyme as his Maieſtie did ſie it. Quhair-vpone his Maieſtie come to Perth to dyne with the ſaid erle, and immediatlie thairefter his Maieſtie wes conuoyit vp ſtaires, being allone with the ſaid Mr Alexander ; and evrie dur being ſhut as his Maieſtie come along behind him, wes brocht to ane inner cabinet, quheare behind the tapiftrie wes ſittand ane armit man called Andro Henderſoun, of purpois to have killed his Maieſtie. The ſaid Mr Alexander Ruthuen than began with theſe ſpeiches to his Maieſtie ; “ Sir, ye muſt die, thearefore I will bind your handis.” His Maieſtie maid anſuer in this form ; “ Mr Alexander, did ever Mr Robert Rollock teatche yow ſuche leſſonis in devynetie, to bind your Prince and kill him ? No ! no ! I am born a frie King, and thairfoire will not be bund.” And vpone theſe ſpeiches his Maieſtie and Mr Alexander fell in wrattleng ; his Maieſtie, being ſtrong and aſſiſted with the help of the Almightie, did bring him ſelfe to ane back wyndow, quhair thruſting out ane glaſe

cryed treafoun. Johne Ramfay, by the providence of God, being his Majesteis peadge and truſtie ſervand, hearing his Majesteis word, conveyed him ſelfe to his Majeſtie, firſt of all by ane privat way and entrie, and did find thame beathe almoiſt without breathe; and ſeing his Majeſtie in ſuche denger, preſentlie did kill the ſaid Mr Alexander. The erle him ſelfe comming ane vther way vp ſtearis, his Majeſtie being incloſit in ane litle cabbynit, the ſaid John Ramfay meiting the erle with twa drawin ſuordis in his handis ſayd, “My lord quhat meane yow to kill ws quho ar ſervandis? his Majeſtie is killed;” and haſing his ſuord (my lord pauſing at this word) ſtrook him ane deadlie ſtreak toward the heart. As alſo ſir Thomas Erſkyne haſing folowit vp ane vther way did keip the entrie.

The report of the ſlauchter of the ſaid erle and his brother went throw Perth, and [the pepill] nocht vnderſtanding the forme, come towardis the houſe withe forces, and cryed they wald have out thaire proveſt; and vpon this ane great tumult aroſe and confluence of pepill. At laſt the King commandit to mak proclamatioun, commanding evrie perſone to thair awin houſe, vnder the paine of dead and treafoun, quhairvpon the tumult ceaſed. Then his Majeſtie tuik horſe and red immediatlie to Falkland.

Schortlie thairefter, the corpiſ of the ſaid erle and his brother wer brocht to Edinburgh to the croce thair of, and hangit vp in preſence of the haill pepill. Lykas thairefter they wer baithe forſalted as treatouris to his Majeſteis perſone. In November thearefter, theare wes ane parliament, quhairin it wes ordeanit, that, as the name of Ruthuen ſould be extinguiſchit in all tyme thairefter, ſa the place of Ruthuen ſould be called Huntingtoure, vnder the paine of perpetuall exyle and baniſchement; and that betuix and the feaſt and terme of Witſonday nixt folowing: quhairvpon letters war directit to the toun of Perth, Edinburgh and vtheris places neidfull, and theare publiſchit.

Thearefter John Ramfay reffavit the title of knichthead, with noble airmes devyfit and given be his Majeftie to him and his fucceffouris, as being maft worthie of the fame for his memorable preferuatioun. And this far for the erle of Govreis treafoun, etc.

Vpone the day of Merche 1603, his Majeftie tuik jorney towardis Ingland to be crouned King theareof; quhair he wes met with fundrie nobles, and convoyit to the Chairterhoufe of Londoun, etc.

VARIOUS READINGS.

- P. 3. l. 22. the xvij day
- P. 7. l. 4. not acknowledgeing the said earle to be principall [of his house]
- P. 8. l. 27. the xxviiiij,
- P. 11. l. ult. accompanied with his estates, raid in his rob royall from his awin chalmer,
- P. 12. l. 5. the earle off Montrose and lord Lyndesay, as commissioners from the lords
att Edinburgh,
l. 20. Aberdeine, Glasgow, Air and Iruing.
- P. 13. l. 12. to 14. mercatt crose of Edinburgh, chargeing the provest and baillies thair of
to stay leving of anie men of warre within ther burghe, without the sight of his
hienes speciall licence to that effectt; and to raise and conueane themselfs together
in armes for stopping theroff, and of anie of the saids lords forces to enter within
the said burghe in armes, vnder greatt paines. Also that same day, there was a
charge giuen to the saids lords to depart furthe of Edinburgh within xxiv hours
after the charge, vnder the paine of treasone.
- l. 23. att Sterlin.
- P. 14. l. 19. at Corymochloch.
- P. 15. l. 4. hindmeist of his companie,
l. 5. of Cesfurdburne,
l. 6. maistres sake.
l. 7. The said Taitt was throw rune the bodie with a speir and slayne, the vther
was strucken throw the thighe, and little the worse.
- P. 17. l. 9. xx day

- P. 17. l. 14. middle and east marches,
 l. 16. gave ower his office of wardiane, and tuik
- P. 18. l. 8. to be stamped, and to be giuen out againe for 36s. 9d. the 30s. peice, and the rest accordingle.
- l. 16. Mortouns factioun; the lordis Lyndsay,
 l. 29. nane ansuer
- P. 21. l. 25. all persones betuixt lx and xvj yeares,
- P. 22. l. 15. to Mr William Erskin, person of Campsie.
- P. 24. l. 18. j^m Spainards, there gouernour named Piese Moreyse.
- P. 25. l. 15. Mr D'Allançon,
 l. 26. worth v^m lib.
- P. 26. l. 4. Newbottle and St Colmes Inch:
 l. 9. and Arbrothe to the lord Obenie.
 l. 25. the xvij day
- P. 27. l. 16. Att this tyme his Majestie appointedt to begine a progresse vpon the xxij of Maij, and first to passe out of Sterlin to Tullibardin, and forward throw the countrie toward Dunnoter the earle Marchals house at the fardest that yeare, and to be accompanied with a sufficientt number of his ordinar counsallors that haill progresse.
- l. 17. Upon the xxv of Junij being Setterday, betwixt iij hours att efternoone, and Sunday att ewin thereafter, there blew sic a vehement tempest of wind, that it was thought to be a cause that a greatt multitude of the inhabitants of Edinburgh contracted ane vnkoe sicknes, whilke was baptised *kyndnes*, and fell outt in the courtt and sundrie vther parts of the countrie, so that some people that were growene and aged deceased verie suddeinlie. Itt continued with ewerie one that tooke itt thrie dayis at leastt.
- l. 27. schipe called the Williame of Leith, from Danskin,
- P. 28. l. 1. lord Drumond's sister. The Kings Majestie past out of Sterline to the mariage, and returned therfra the xv of November to Edinburgh.
- l. 4. Allexander Stewartt of Schutingleyis was slaine, being ane of the lord Ruthuens companie.
- l. 8. bot stayed be act off counsell.
- l. 11. assyse of his pears,
- l. 14. Allexander Home of Northberuick
- l. 23. sone to the lord Ochilttrie,

P. 28. l. ult. dwelling in Morehame,

P. 29. l. 6. Lochinware,

P. 30. l. 17. a hundrethe men a futte,

l. 21. In this meantyme there was ix^c wadged men on fute and horse taken vp and leauied, vnder the commandement of capitaines.

l. 28. sister sone to the said earle of Mortoune, and his most familiare freind and seruand,

P. 32. l. 14. the xxij of Maij,

l. 23. sir Robert Crichton of Eliok,

P. 33. l. 2. sir Patrick Lermonth.

P. 34. l. 2. Upone the saxt of June 1581, the earldome of Mortone was dispoit to Johne lord Maxwell, the lordschipe of Dalkeith and Aberdoure to Esme erle of Lennox; lykeas sundrie vthers the said earles lands were dispoind at this tyme. The earle of Anguse past in Ingland as a fugitive.

l. — the vj of Julie,

l. 3. doghter to the umquhill earle of Athole

l. 5. Att this tyme a parliament was proclaimett to be halden, first at Edin-burgh, nixt at Glasgow, and againe at Edinburgh the xxiv of October nixt.

l. 13. the iij of October.

P. 35. l. 7. and for fortifieing and halding of the castles of Thomtallone and Dowglase against his Majestie,

l. 10. Archbald Dowglas of Pittindreich sone naturall to the said earle of Mortone, George Dowglase of Parkheid, James Dowglase his sone, Malcolme Dowglase of Maines, Archbald Dowglase sumtyme constable of the castle of Edinburgh,

l. 12. Thomas Roresone of Bardamro

l. 13. and all their airmes ryen att the markett crosse of Edinburgh, according to the forme used against foirfaltt traytours.

l. 17. Itt was spokin that the dooks absence proceedid of ane anger conceaved be him againse the earle of Arran, for some disgrace done to the lord Setone, and sir Johne Seatone his sonne.

P. 37. l. 24. about seuen houres att ewin, the earle of Arran cumyng to his Majestie, and foirseing that the earle of Mare was laid in his way, he dewyditt himselfe from his companie, and came alone with a page and himselfe to the yett of Ruthuen,

P. 39. l. 9 sir George Cary knight, sone to the lord Hunsdaine,

l. 21. the xiv day

l. 28. he remaned ther anght dayis vpone a faire winde,

l. 29. ane schip called the Lyon of Air, having ane vther schipe in companie called Johne Cokburns, a pyratt,

l. ult. Upone the viij day of Octobere, the Kings Majestie past out of Sterlin to Edinburgh, and remained att Holyrudhouse: at whilke tyme, a little tumult falling outt in Edinburghe vpone the electione of the magistrats, no harme was done. The occasione of that tumult being reasoned in presence of his Majestie and counsall, ordonr was giuene that the same provest, baillies and counsall chosen at that tyme of the tumultt suld vse and enjoy ther offices for that yeare; and that [the] merchants and crafts men amongs whom the tumult raise sould nominatt either of them tuelff men, barons, gentlemen or ministers, of whilke iij of them to be chosin one either syd, to whome they sould submitt the hail warriance and contranersie amongs them. And incase of ther disagriement vpone the chosin of these men, his Majestie and counsall to be oweirsmen for there vnione and agriement.

P. 40. l. 10. Newbotle, the comptroller, clerk of Registere, Justice clerke, the master of Glamse, the master of Oliphantt, the prowest of Dundie, the commissioners of Edinburgh, Perth, Sterlin, Hadingtoun, St Androus and Irwing.

P. 42. l. 20. that is to say, first he sould be conuoyed be the lairds of Londiane and wthers furth of the Blaknes, vpon Thursday in the morneing, to Hadingtoun that night; and fra thence to Broxmouthe, Langtoun or Dunglese, where he sould remain whill he receaved sumemoney fra the King to helpe his furnishing and charges; so that betuixt and the xv day of this same moneth he sould be in Berwicke.

P. 43. l. 4. Bott all [wer] dissappointed, in respectt he past that same day out of the Callendare to Dumbartane; and before his departing sent Mr Johne Grahame of Hallyards backe to his Majestie with ane letter and credit, whilke declared that he was purposed to keip [his] promise, bott was hendered for feare of his lyfe, because the earle of Marre, &c.

P. 44. l. 11. Lykewayes, the nobilitie and estaitts of the realme to considder what wald follow if grudge and heatred remained so amongse them; in what estaitt his Hienes wald be, and how that strangers wold come in and subdew us in the meane tyme, which the King of France wold be sorie to heire of, and therfoir willed the same to be prevented.

P. 44. l. 14. Att this tyme there came newes from Flanders, of a greatt conspiracie dewysed and almost putt in executione be the grand Monsure of France vpon the Prince off Orange, the toun of Antwerpe, and diuers vthers in Flanders that were of the [sinceare] religione and meanteaned the same; bot in the executione the same misgave, and the grand Monsurs forces were and manie slaine, and to the number of ij^m Frenchemen taken prisoners; lykeas himselfe narrowlie eschaiped. This was done be the grand Monsure undere collour of friendschipe, for he had takin vpon him the haille gowernementt and maintenance of the protestanes of Flanders, gineinge himselfe out as a cheife professour of the sinceare religione; bot his hypocrisie in this was manefested, and he holdin odiousse to the haille world.

l. 18. The said Monsure Manyewill remained still heire, and ludging in my lord Seatons house in the Cannogett, had daylie accesse to the Kings Majestie, [to] whome he impairtitt his negotiacione at all tymes

l. 22. In this meane tyme, the ambassadour of France had sundrie secreitt conferences with the earle of Argyle. The earle of Craford vpon the ij of Marche come also to Edinburgh, where he remainitt two or thrie dayis and then depairtitt. Itt was judged at this tyme that ther sould be sune alteratione in the estate, for whilke note was maid of the cuning of the saids two earles.

P. 45. l. 14. There mett att this conuentione the earles and lords following, to witt the earle of March his Majesties greatt vnkle, Anguse, Argyle, Huntlie, Craufurd, Bothwell, Marre, Marschell, Montrose, Rothese, Gowrie.

l. 22. the secretare, comptroller, clarke of Register, Justice clarke, Priwie seall and Adwocatt.

l. 26. viz. the earle of Argyle, Huntlie, Montrose, Craufurd, Gowrie, Rothese, with March, Atholl, Glencairne.

P. 46. l. 26. and Pettinweyme

P. 47. l. 9. Nather his comissionne nor answer was diuulgitt.

l. 15. and past then to Sterling.

P. 48. l. 22. wes, by vertwe of a commissionne direct frome the King, takin and apprehenditt be colonell Williame Stewartt as capitaine of his Majesties guard,

P. 49. l. 5. notwithstanding of ther priueledge and exemptione,

l. 28. The Kingis Majestie marchitt forward with the haille forces conuenit to Sterling vpon the xxv off Apryle, remaining in Linlithgow that night, and wpone the morne thereafter past fairward towards Sterlin.

P. 51. l. 1. Upone the xxvij of Maij, the Kingis Majestie past from Edinburgh to Falkland.

l. 4. About the last of Julie, there wase a meitting apointitt vpon the borders at Fowlden, betwixt the earle of Arrane, and the lord Hunsdene for Ingland, where sune matters wer to be counouned and treated on, towardis ane intelligence to be keipitt and intertayned betwixt themselves. The tyme of the meitting was appointed the xij of August, att Fowldene.

l. 23. vpon the ij of September to Ruthuen

l. 25. with the plauge

l. 27. Upone the xij day of the said moneth of September, the King's Majestie past from Stirling to Edinburgh.

P. 52. l. 2. He returned in Scotland, be his Majesties awin knowledge and vnder his Hienes protectione, as it was spokin. In the beginning of the said moneth, Patrick master of Gray was directitt in ambassadrie to Ingland, with ane obscure commissione knöwin to none bot his Majesties selfe, and returnitt backe about the beginning of Januarie.

l. 3. no dout be the iustigatione of Sathan,

l. 10. James Edmistoune of Duntreath, Jhone Cuninghame of Drumquassell and Malcolme Dowglase of Maines was apprehenditt; and first the said James Edmistoune, being examinatt thervpon within the castell of Edinburgh, confessed that he had resaitte ane black Jhone Home in his house, who had broght letters to him from the earle of Anguse and Mare then banished, perswading him to be ane executor of the saide conspiracie, and to instigate wthers his and ther freinds for that purpose. He deponit also, that he reuealed the mater to Drumquassell, who lykewayis confest the same; and he reueiled it also to the lairde of Maines, who vtterlie to his lyfes end denyed the same.

Upone the ix of Februar, the foirsaides persones beinge putt to ane assyse within the tolbuith of Edinburgh for conceilling of the said conspiracie, the saids James Edmoustoune of Duntreath was asseilyeit because he told the trueth; and the said lairds of Drumwhassell and Maynes were convict, and hanged att the mercat crose of Edinburgh the morne thereafter.

l. 15. letting his ladie thereby sie in the morning to putt one hir hoadd, as it was spokin in jest,

l. 17. with x^m men,

- P. 52. l. 21. Att this tyme sir Lwes Ballenden of Auchinnoule knight was directed in ambassadrie to Ingland.
- P. 53. l. 9. in the Latin tongne,
 l. 16. About the last of Junij, the Kingis Majestie past fra Dunfermling to Falkland, and fre thence to St Androse.
 l. 20. and sone in law to the said ser Jhone Forester,
 l. ult. iiij^m people
- P. 54. l. ult. to the hunting of Inchmirrenie, and fra there to Hameltounne, and returned againe to Stereling about the beginning of September. In all this progress the said Inglish ambassadoure accompanied his Majestie. Upone the xij of October, the Kings Majestie past from Sterling to Kincairdin the earle of Montroise house to the banket.
 l. 13. and lord Maxwell,
 l. 16. vpone the last day of the said moneth.
 l. — pavilions
 l. 24. be Williame Airmestrange of Kinmonth and his followers.
 l. 29. his brother James Stewart of Schillinglaw,
- P. 56. l. 11. opinlie in the pulpitt in St Geills kirke;
 l. 22. a barrone and gentleman of the Kings chalmer.
 l. 28. sir Williame Stewartt of Munkland knight,
- P. 57. l. 4. to Kinleith besyde Edinburgh at Jhone Findlaysones house. About the end of March, ther came ane Inglish ambassadoure namet Mr Randall, who had bein heir sundrie tymes befor.
 l. 16. Upone the xxv of this instant, the Kingis Majestie, accompanied onlie with the earle of Marre, earlie in the morning past ower to Falkland from Leith, transporting ane tame phola deare, propyned to his Majestie be the Queine of Ingland. The Kingis Majestie returned from Falkland, and past the same night to the bankett att Dalkeith, prepared for his Majestie be the earle of Anguse.

Upone the x of Majj, the said Mr Archibald Dowglass, being accused before the Justice within the tolbutth of Ediuburgh, as ane of the speciall actores of the murthoure of his Majesties father, vsed first a remissione for airtt and pairt foirknowledge and conceilling therof, and abude ane assyse for the rest, wherof he was elenged. In that proces ther were great knauery and scheift used; for that part of the earle of Mortouns deposicione concerning him, whereby he con-

fessed that Mr Arthowr granted to him that he was actuallie at that deid doing, was obscured and abstracted. He conuoyed the matter so as he maid his awin dittay, he choosed his owne assyse, he was foirseene of all to be said against him, and so was absolved most shamefullie and whonnestlie, to the exclamati-
 one of the haill people. It was thought the filthiest iniquitie that ewer was
 hard in Scotland; and done in his Hienes minoritie be meanes of the master
 of Gray and Mr Randall ambassadoure, and be the slight and oversight of
 the counsell, vpon sic suddentie as verie few bot the plott[er]s knew of the
 matter.

P. 57. l. 19. About the xij of June, his Majestie passing to Falkland directed his
 counsell to take assurances betwixt &c.

l. 21. and to cause submissiones to be past amongst them to sune of his Majes-
 ties counsell, to desyde ther contrawersies amicable.

l. 23. as they did first at Berwicke upone the xxvij of June, to treat upone the
 redrese of the attempts committed to the greife of either of ther realmes, and
 how things may be handled to the case of both thereafter; as also to confirme
 the leage of both the realmes, accorded vnto at St Andros a yeare proceeding
 this tyme or therby.

l. 27. leages betwixt lx and xvj, to adrese themselves to meet his Majestie or
 his Hienes lieutenant at Pebles,

l. ult. In the end of August, his Majestie tooke his ordinare progresse of hunt-
 ing from Falkland to the west pairts.

P. 58. l. 5. bot itt misgaue.

l. — Upone the xij of September, dame Margaret Scott lady Jhonstoune
 wreatt a letter to the Kings Majestie, accuiseing Archabald earle of Anguse of
 a conspiracie against his Majesties persone; wherwpon she being called to ane
 accompt, she was fugitiue in England, and so itt was esteimed a maliciouse cal-
 lumnie, tending to sediti-
 one betwixt his Majestie and his Hienes subjects, for
 whilke [sbe] was called to wnderlie the law, and for not compearance denounced
 to the horne. Hir husband sir John Jhonstoune of Duns-kellie knight knew
 nothing of hir said letter, and yett charged to enter hir, he declaired he knew
 not where to haue hir. The carier of hir letter called Gawine Jhonstoune was
 committed to the Blaknes.

l. 11. with the Lord Heres

l. 16. that the Queein was conuictt and was to be execute, at least was putt to

ane great straitt; alwayis that she remained l or lx myles from London, in the place where she was warded,

P. 58. l. 25. Itt was thought that Francis earle Bothwell sould have passed in this ambassade, bot Ingland refused to grant him a saue conductt; lykeas the Kings Majestie and counsall thought itt not expedientt therfor, that he being ane of the pears and cheiffe noblemen of the land sould be hazarditt to passe without a saue conductt, and so he was stayed.

l. 28. either for the releaffe of the Queine his Majesties mother vpon the bands and surtie of these Princes, or in caise of hir executione, whilk Ingland first boisted of, to suit the ayde and supportt of these Princes, for the rewenge of that ignominious and barbarous and intollerable creweltie, prepetratt against a Soueraigne and native Princes.

P. 59. l. 10. one this maner: "The Lord illuminat and lighten her speirit, that she " may attaine to the knowledg of His trueth for the sauetie in saule and bodie, " and preserne hir from the presentt perrell." Some of the ministrie agried to this forme of prayer, thinking it verie lawfull since itt was his Majesties pleasure; and some, especiallie the ministrie of Edinburgh, disassented to pray bot as they were mowed by the Spiritt of God.

l. 13. a man ewill thought off be the ministrie and wthers, to teache in the kirk of Edinburgh vpon the thrid day of Februar, and takes purpose to come to the preching himselfe.

l. 18. least of thy plagues

P. 60. l. 11. pastyme of hunting, vpon the xvij day of this said moneth,

l. 12. youngest sone to the lord Hunmsdone,

P. 61. l. 26. at Seatoune.

P. 62. l. 3. Aboutt this tyme ther came a letter from capitane James Stewart, wherein he solemlie swore that the King wold aither be slaine, or caried into Ingland be the Lords that came in at Stirling, within xv dayes thereafter. His Majestie rewealed the contents of that letter to the noblemen whilke came in att Sterlin, whilke most earnestlie desyred to be tryed therof.

l. 5. Jhone earle of Mortoune,

l. 11. especiallie the Jhonstounes of Graitneyhill, vpon ane old feid as was spoken: that slaughter was verie heavilie regrated.

l. 12. and the laird of Cragie Wallace, to take &c.

l. 16. of Monkland,

P. 63. l. 9. Att this same conuentione there assembled the earls, lords and wthers following, to witt, the lord Hameltoune, the earle of Anguse, Huntlie, Crawford, Bothwill, Merschell, Montrose, Mare, Glencarne, Rothese, the lord Home, Seatone, Somerwill, Fleaming, Yester, Borthick, Sinckler, the master of Glams.

l. 16. to wit, the earle of Anguse, Montrose, Crawford and the master of Glames, the earle of Mare and Glencairne ;

P. 64. l. 8. to treat vpon his Majesties mariage, to whilk purpose as it was prepared afore, sir Patrike Vans of Barnbarrow knight one of the senatures of the colledge of Justice, and Mr Peter Younge of Seytonne, &c.

l. 23. Eftere this conuentione, Williame lord Yester being desyred be the Kings Majestie and vther noblemen to subscriyve a submissione, for remoweing of the feid standing betwixt him and sir Jhone Stewartt of Traquaire knight, he alwayes refused the same, and for that was warditt within the castle of Edinburgh. Wpone the iiij of Julie, the said lord Yester brak warde out of the castle of Edinburgh in the mids of the night, leaving his wife and iij or iiij ser-vants therin.

P. 65. l. 10. Sume words fell out att this counsall betwixt the earle of Anguse and Bothwell, vpon ocasion that Anguse voittit agains him vpon Crawfurds syde. The day afore, the duike of Lennox buire the crowne, the earle of Anguse the schepter, and the earle of Huntlie the sword of honour.

l. 15. with a sufficient ansure, &c.

l. 16. Jhone Smallett [and] a caviliare Frenchman, seruands to the duike of Lennox, were aprehendit, &c.

l. 22. About the xij of December, the earle of Huntlie and Merschell conuining to a tryst in Aberdeine, ther was ane Keith, a gentleman and kinsmane to the earle Merchell slaine be the laird of Geicht ; for Geicht returned in againe to the toune, efter the earle of Huntlie was a myle or two past furth therof, of purpos to committ that slaughter. Lykeas it was supponit that the earle Merchell himself sould then have heine slaine, be dewyse of the earle Huntlie, for the religious cause whilke he sincearlie profest, and whereoff he was a cheiff manteiner. Always the earle of Huntlie, for his purgatione of that slaughter, presentitt the laird of Geicht to the earle Merchell, ewin then within the toune of Aberdeine, offering him in his will. The earle Merchell refuisitt to accept him at that tyme, and so repairitt immediatlie to court thereafter. The Kings Majestie

past at this tyme to his yule at Innerleith, where he remained thrie or foure dayis, and then past owir the watter to Burley, where the earle of Huntlie mett his Majestie, and conuoyed him almost to the ferriesyde, and then returned backe towards the north. And according to his Majesties directione receavitt then he came again, bringand with him the laird of Geicht and his vnkle Mr James Gordone jesuitt, aboutt the xxv of Januare, and come with theme to Dunfermlinge. Whereatt the Chancellour and vthers att court tooke some frey, and suspected, in respect of the cuming also of the lord Hameltoune, the lord of Paisley his brother, the earle of Glencairne and the lord Hereise to Linlithgow to his assistance, that they had sume praetyse towards the subuersione of religione, or alteratione of the present state: and therwpon they tooke occasion to gar keip straitt watches in the tonne of Edinburgh, and abay of Holerudhouse. Immediatlie after this, the saids lords that mett att Linlithgow returnit homwards, thinking it dangerouse to repaire to Edinburgh, in respect of the said suspitione. Lykeas Huntlie past to Dunkell, to be gossep to the earle of Athole.

P. 65. l. 25. taking the honsses of sum of his Majesties pryvie counsall,

P. 66. l. 4. His Majestie tooke purpose to conueine sume of the ministrie of Edinburgh within his awin chalmer in Holyrudhouse, and to send for the said Mr James; wha cuming before his Hienes, his Majestie declairitt the cause for whilke he sent for him, whilke was for that he vnderstood him to be ane learned man, cume in this countrie for perswading of the people to imbrace the popishe religione, and therefore schew him that his Majestie was dispoisit to vse sume reasoning with himselfe in religione. Wherwnto the said Mr James objectitt, and said that he desyred not to reasone with his Majestie, bot wold reasone with anie vther. The Kings Majestie ansureing promisitt and offered to lay his crowne and royaltie asyde, and to reasone with him as he wer a prinatt man: and so his Majestie begane and laide doune sume grounds of religione, whilke his Majestie still obserwed and resoned vpon the space of four or fve hours. Sume things were yeilditt to, &c.

l. 22. betwixt the laird of Boquhene,

l. 27. the saids lords desyred that the earle of Huntlie might be maid capitaine of the castle of Edinburgh, the lord Claud chancellour, colonale Stewart capitane of the guard,

P. 67. l. 2. the earle of Anguse, Bothwell, Marr, the chancelloure and vthers

- P. 67. l. 8. according to his Hienese proclamacione for the entrie of sume persones in England, whilk were fylitt in billis, and releiffe of the pledges given in in England be his Majestie for that effectt. His Majestie past that night to Halyden.
- l. 10. as the laird of Hunthills sonnes, and the lard of Greinheids, Corbett, Owertoun and wthers, being all speciall men, to the greatt mislyking of the borderers, for they declairitt themselwes altogether vnable to pay the billis they wer fylitt in, yea if they wold sell all the heretage they had.
- l. 21. and be the way past into the laird of Basse house the Beill and Seatone, and so returnitt to Edinburgh the ij of Maij.

About the xvj of the said monethe of Maij, proclamacione was made, commanding a gryt force to be in readines to pas forward with his Majestie or his Hienes lieutenant where they could be commanditt, vpone sax houres warning, vnder the paine of treasone. Wherewpone the second proclamacione followed, to meitt his Majestie pairtlie at Edinburgh and pairtlie at Dumfries, vpone the xxv and xxix dayis of the said moneth, furnished in most substantious maner with twentie dayes prouision.

- P. 68. l. 22. both the galschot

l. 27. His Majesties selfe cryed wp the meane tyme to Mr David Maxwell to render the house, whilk he alwayis refusitt.

- P. 69. l. 12. who for his miserable behaviour was be the commone people baptized *Mr Mushokyides* thereafter.

l. 28. Wpone the last day of the said moneth, his Majestie came from Falkland to Edinburgh, and remainitt two dayis in the Chancellours Iudgeing, and then returnitt to Falkland.

- P. 70. l. 12. In the end of the same moneth, ther was foure bands of men of ware leuied be the toune of Edinburgh, whilke awaitit vpone the Kings Majestie night and day.

l. 18. he depairtitt backe againe within viij dayis thereafter, vpone the word off the earle of Leicester his consigne.

l. 21. The same scheips were sinderitt be ane stratageme of ware vsitt be the Inglishie nawie speciallie; they fyret ane old schipe, and sett hir on the Spanishe nawie, whilk dewydit theme ewerie one from anither.

l. 23. In the foirend of October, ane of the said great schips wer drywin in at the Muill of Kintyre, wherein were v^c men or therby: shoe caried thriescore brassen peices in hir, besydes wthers, and great snbstance of gold and silver.

The same gryte schipe, with two or thrie hundreth men in hir, was browin vp with powder suddenlie taking fyre therin, be the meanes of ane of ther awin [people.]

P. 71. l. 3. Lykeas his Majestie promised that no respeeit nor remissione shuld be granted for anie sick crymes, and that sic as obtained respeesits or remissiones of before shuld not be hard to sese the same, without satisfaction of the perties greaved and compleaned; and ordained all persons to be present, and give in ther complaints at the tyme appointed, as they wold be serwed.

l. 25. Certain persones wer nominate and appointed be his Majestie and estaits, to consider of sic articles and propositiones as were sett doune at this conuentione, and to conuicine for that effect the xix of December in Edinburgh, and to report ther diligence at the next conuentione appointed the first day of Januare nixt, to the whilke the conclutione of all things were deferred. The Kings Majestie raid to Dunfermeling wpone the last of Nowember, and there the conuentione dissolved.

P. 72. l. 10. that he and the heall catholicks heir were sorie of the misfortoune of his armie, and that they might sauelie haue arryved in thire pairts, and shuld haue had assistanes of all that wold haue done for him, and sick wthers of the nobilitie; desyring the King of Spaine heirwith to send in heir onlie one armie of vj^m men, wha, with his assistaneces and wthers of England and Scotland, shuld weill serue his tourne: and that he was constrained &c.

l. 18. jesuite called Bruce,

l. 20. The duik of Lennox and sume of his friends past to seike the same gold in the Callendare, bot found no sic thing.

P. 73. l. 17. Wpone the xxiv of this moneth of Merch, ther was a Scotsman named Pringle, serwant to colonell Simple, (wha was the carier of the foirsaid letters intercepted) sent heir out of Berwick, and beinge accuised therwpone he was committed in ward on the morne thereafter. The same Pringle and ane Forester were bothe accuised toucheing the said letters, and nothing had of them.

P. 76. l. 3. he had beine keiped in the place of Achindoune.

P. 78. l. 8. Att this tyme his Majestie begaine and past to Falkland and Burley, being the xv of this monethe, and before that tuik occasione vpone incidentt to passe first to Hammeltoune, to the baptizing of the lord Hammeltounes sone, and from thence to passe northward to his intenditt journey.

l. 25. to his ordinarie pastyme of hunting to Inchmirrine. Wpone the xxvj of

August, his Hienes came back to Sterline again, where ther was a conuentione of sume of the estaits, appointed for sick maters as concerned the weill of his Majestie and. countrie.

P. 79. l. 5. Wherewpone at his Majesties derectiōne festing and praying wes usitt in Edinburgh, for hir sauētie and preseruatiōne. It was there supponit that she was dung in in Norway.

l. 6. and fra that come to Craigmiller.

l. 24. And that also colonell Stewartt past backe to Denmark, to purches commisiōne to hir Hienes admirall and counsell to cum forward to Scotland, ather in ther awin schipes or owers that were ther.

l. 28. the chancellour, justice clerke, the collectoure, the lord Dingwell, the laird Barnbarro, sir Williame Keithe and Mr Peter Younge.

P. 80. l. 17. to witt the earle of Anguse, Mortoune, Marre, the master of Glames, the abbut of Newbatle, the comptroller, clearke of registere, sir Robert Melwine (wha was constituit vice chancellour), together with the lords of the sessione, when matters off consequence comes in hands.

P. 82. l. 17. sir Johne Carmichael of that ilke, being ane of his Majesties priuie counsell.

P. 83. l. 5. and Marre, the lord Home and Dingwell, the officers of estaitte and sessione, with the haill honest men of Edinburgh, Leith and Cannogett in armes.

l. 8. for the coronatiōne of the Queins Majestie.

l. 9. Piter Monk the admirall of Denmarke, Stephen Bra capitene of Elsinburgh, Braid Ransom Magarett, Nicholaus Theopolus doctor of the lawes, and Henrie Goodlister capitane of Bochastle, as principall and of the counsell of Denmarke, and ane William Vandervant, who was appointed to waitt wpone hir Majestie,

l. 18. They past the first night owere the watter to Wasterweimes, where they were weill entertained; on the morne thereafter to Falkland, where they were receaued and banketted be the laird off Creiche at dennere, and raid to there supper at Newhouse, the earle of Mortons hous; and dined on the morne in Dunfermlinge, and suppit in Nidrie where they rested that night; and one the morne read to Lithgow where they dynet, the bankett there being maid be the justice clerk; they tuike seasinge and returned that same night to Halirudhouse. Ther charters and seasinges were all maid readie, and past vnder his Majesties great sealle, with the sealls of the haill nobilitie and estaitts conweined

to the coronatione, together with the sealls of xvij or xvij knights whilke were maid at the said coronatione, and all delyvered to them.

P. 83. l. 19. Quhlilk coronatione was solemnised the xvij day with great triumphe within the Abbay kirke. Hir Majestie was annointed with oyle, and the crowne sett vpon hir heid efter manie circomstances, be Mr Robert Bruce and Mr David Lyndesay minister, with the chancellour beareing the nuke theroff; wha was then maid lord off Thirlstaine. The Kings Majestie came first to the place of coronatione, with the crowne borne afore his Hienes be Lodowicke duike of Lennox, the schepter be Jhone lord Hameltoune, and the sword of honour be William earle of Anguse, with the heraulds and trumpets as the vse is. The Queins Majestie followed in within a litle space efter, and the crowne [was] allenarlie borne before hir be Jhone lord Thirlstaine chancellour. Hir Majestie was convoyed be the principles of the Dences and some of the nobilitie, together with a greatt number of noble and gentlemen. Mr Patrike Galloway minister at Perth maid first the sermone, Mr Robert Bruce maid ane exhortatione to the people in hir Majesties name, declareing that he had receauitt hir oath, and desyred the people to hold vp ther hands as ane signe of ther obedience, as they did. Mr Andrew Melwill maid ane harangue in Letin, and then they proceeded to the circumstances of the coronatione.

l. 26. Wpone the xix day of the said moneth, the Queines Majestie maid hir entrese in the toune of Edinburgh in hir coache, quhillke was brawelie dressed. Hir Majestie, accompanied with a number of the noblemen, Dences and vthers, past out of Halirudehouse be the southie syde of the cannogett vp be the parke dyke, and then tuike the way that passes platt west, and came in againe at the west port, where hir Majestie was receaiued efter a certaine speache maid, and delywerrie of the keyis as vse is, vnder a waill, and convoyed throw the haill toune to the Abbaye: where ther was xliij younge men of the toune, cloath-ed in white taffetie and cloath of silwer, all full of chaines of gould and blake wafroins in forme of Moors, that danced before hir Grace all the way.

P. 84. l. 26. the duike of Parme, with xx^m men of his awine,

l. 27. toune of Corbat within xvj legis of Parise,

P. 85. l. 24. bruntt vpon confessione of hir witchcrafte, and the melling with the dewill, bot yett died well. The rest was keiped still, and daylie examined be his Majestie, the counsall and some of the ministrie.

P. 86. l. 9. the toune of Charters, a strong toune, and the cheiffe toune that furnish-

itt Parise, (and wherein the haill riches of Parise was putt in sure keeping,) was assaulted &c.

- P. 86. l. 17. Wpone the xxiv day of the said moneth of Junij 1591, the earle of Bothwell was forfaultt and declaired traittoure at the merkatt crosse off Edinburgh, for certaine crymes of treasone till his Majestie, whereof he was convickt of before, and for whilke he became in the Kings Majesties will, to witt, for cuming against his Majestie at the brige of Die. Wpone the morne thereafter, the Kings Majestie past to Perth, wherin vpon Thursday the pennult of the said moneth of Junij, the Queins Majestie maid hir entres. Wpone the xxvj of Julij about four hours at night, the said earle Bothwell, accompanied with saxtein horsmen, came vp to the netherbow,
- P. 87. l. 4. About the midst of the moneth of December, word came heir that the Prince of Parme was borne doune in France; and that the King of France was to rancountere him on the fronteiris of France with viij^c horsmen, all noblemen and speciall gentlemen of his court; and that ther was ane armie of xxx^m men lyand about the tonne of Rowane, which was att a straitt pointe and lykelye to be randered.
- l. 25. Williame Stewartt of Schuttingleyes,
- P. 94. l. 14. the lord Hameltoune, the earle of Argyle, Merchall, Marre, Glencairn, the lord Seatone, Lyndesay &c.
- l. 16. Frances earle of Bothwell, James Dowglase off Spotte, Archbald Wauchwp of Nidrie younger, James Hameltoune younger of Samuelstoune, Williame Stewartt of Schuttingleyis, Patrick Crombie of Carrubir, George Auchincraw of Bestoune, with wthers complices to the number of xvij persons, for the Raid of the Abbay.
- P. 95. l. 7. and fra thence past to Dumfries, warning the haill companie be proclamatione to accompanie him.
- l. 12. Burley and Bogie,
- P. 96. l. 19. Wpone the iiij day of September, the duike off Lennox and the lord Home past towards Kelso, for vptaking of the mails and dewties of Kelso, (and especiallie of the teinds of Sprustoune, wherewnto the laird of Sesfuird younger pretenditt right); and that be vertwe of ane letter of factorie, grantit to the duike for that effect, and for inbringing of the same to his Majesties vse.
- P. 97. l. 14. Whilke proceditt off sum intelligence the Kings Majestie had of the earle Bothwell [having bein] ressait be the laird of Pherniheirse and Hundhill,

and in the toune of Jedburgh be the prowest therof callitt Rutherfuid, Alexander Geywill and ane Kirtonne the butler therof.

P. 98. l. 12. viz. Trevis, the Glen, the house of Drywp; bot the offenders came in att Jedburgh, and so their houses wer saued. Thomas Stewart brother to James Stewart of the Tynnies, the laird of Whythanche and his sone Andrew were these that came in ther. The dooke raid with a great force in Liddisdail, and then out of Jedburgh for easting doune of the house of Whytehauche, bot the incuminge of Whytehanche mowed it to be saued.

l. 14. His Majestie returned out of Jedburgh about the xx day of October foirsaid. In the beginninge of Nowember, sundrie of the outlawis came in, to witt, the laird of Nidrie, Williame Stewartt callit the constable, George Auchincraw of Restoune, James Jhonson callitt of Drumringrig, with sundrie wthers to the number of xij or xiiij, whilke were all at the Raids of the Abbay and Falkland.

l. 15. to 20. Att this tyme, ther fell out a great truble in the north, for Malcolme Toshe had slaine v or vj of the earle of Huntlies men in Glennuck in the Bræ of Mar. Immediatelie beirefter the earle of Athole with a great force past to Tarnwall, (the earle of Huntlie remaining att Strabogie) of intentione, be the force of the earle of Argyle, the lord Lowat, Malcolme Toshe, Makenzie, and sick wthers [as] had thair [men] in reddines and were sworne, to be rewengitt on the earle of Huntlie for the murthor of the earle of Murray, and to persewe Huntlie and all his [freinds] with fyre and sword. Makintoshe past to Strabogie, and slew xxxiiij men or therby of the earle of Huntlies.

P. 99. l. 27. wha was lying ther in readiness to depairtt to Spaine, in Robertt Janesoness schipe of Aire at Fairlie raids. In the whilke schipe his letteris were also gotten in ane mariners kist, within the sleiwis of the same mariners sarks.

P. 100. l. 5. In this meantyme the Kings Majestie and Queine was in Tullibardyne, and in Alloway the earle of Mars house at the bankett at Yuill and at Nurse-mies; and vpone the newes his Majestie cam in all haist to Edinburgh

l. 10. sould be tryed be torture in the bootis; sume of the counsall, speciallie the laird of Ormistounne justice clerke and Mr Williame Hart justice depute, wes appoynttitt to sie him torturitt. Wha, being minassitt be his freinds, sturred to put him in the bootts, whill &c.

P. 101. l. 1. There was a fashione of a justice courtt proclaimed and baldin in Aberdeine: bot it was little till effect in respect of the shortnes of the tyme, and that things that should have proceeded wer omittit and left undone.

- P. 101. l. 22. calling heirwith to remembrance, that the tyme of the Spanish nauie making for Ingland there was ane ambassadoure sent in heir, crawling our assistance in withstanding of them strangers to land in this iland; who for the same, in hir Majestie and counsalls name, offeritt to nominatt the Kings Majestie our maister, Second Person of Ingland; to make his Hienes Prince of Wails, and manie sic vther faire offers were made. Bot seing God fought the battell, and disoppointit that interpryse, the offers were past frie, and his Majestie therby scuffit, by alledging that that ambassadour transcendit the bounds of his commissioun, and meritit to be hangitt.
- P. 102. l. 2. The same tyme also, ther was a justice court proclaimed to be haldin at Hadingtoun the iij day of Maj nixt, wherein all offendars within the shirref-dome of Edinburgh, constabularie of Hadingtoun, Berwicke and Landerdail wer summoned. Vpone the xx of Apryle, ther was M'Coule of Dum-naldisch, with v or vj vthers with him his seruants, callit before the counsall for the murther of the laird of Caddell, who wer wairdit in Edinburgh whill the tryall.
- l. 5. At this tyme ther came ane Denie ambassador callit Stewin Beill, who desyred the performance of sume heids of the contract past betwixt ther Majesties at ther mariage.
- l. 15. whilkes were the lord Hammeltoun, the earle of Mortonne and Mare, the lord Home, Forbes, Vchiltrie, Sinclair, Spynie, with sume bishops, abbottis, and sume commissioners of Burrowes. His Majestie was never so simpillie accompanied at a parliament.
- l. 22. The earle of Bothwell wes foirfault ower againe and his airmes ryuin.
- P. 104. l. 8. viz. the dooke of Lennox and the lord Hammiltoun, the earl of Glencairn, Montrose, Mortoun, Mar, the lord Livingstoun and Lyndesay, with the officers of the estate, and the commissioners of the burrowes of Edinburgh, Stirling, Linlithgow, that &c.
- l. 23. The dooke of Lennox past from Falkland to Bricheine to the earle of Mar at the same tyme, and left his Majestie onlie accompanied with the lord Home, the laird of Carmichaell and sir George Home. His Majestie wpone the xxj of September past from Falkland to Linlithgow. The said earl of Bothwill remainit this tyme in Edinburgh.
- P. 110. l. 24. and a great nummer hurt in the face, whilke was called a *Locarbie like*; speciallie the laird of Newark Maxwell was all magilled on the face, and left for deid.

- P. 112. l. 5. viij of the same monethe,
 l. 6. lord Zouche
 P. 115. l. 28. xij or xiiij
 P. 118. l. 3. The counsall, sundrie of the noblemen and vthers were of the oppinione
 that the solempnizatiōe of the baptisme could not be ther in Sterling, because
 strangers could not be so weil ludgitt and interteinit as were requisite, bot yit
 his Majestie wald have it ther; and so great preparatiōe wer ther of all things,
 and messages and directiones sent in all pairts of the cuntry for propynes.
 l. 14. with the young laird of Bonitonne,
 P. 119. l. 9. worth v^m crownes, as was thought.
 l. 21. house of Rothiemay.
 P. 120. l. 18. The said earle discoursett the hail maner of the battell to his Majestie,
 and signifiēt therwith that he was betrayed by sume of his awin companie.
 l. 26. Great watches were keipit be his Majesties wadgit men in the said toune,
 wherein his Hienes remanit &c.
 l. 27. and sir Robert Melwill of Mordakaroy knight and sir John Carmichell,
 two of his Majesties counsall &c.
 P. 121. l. 15. Whilke in effect were, that they shall take ane compositione of ther
 estaits be counnone consent; that all things shall be ordourit and doune be
 counnone adwyse and consent; that they shall take ane aifauld pairt, euerie
 ane with ane wther, in all causes; that the earle of Huntlie, Anguse and Er-
 roll, and the laird of Auchindowne, all excommunicate catholicks, shall not be
 trublit criminellie nor ciuillie for ther conscience and religione; that assurance
 shall stand and be inuolablie keipit betuixt the earle of Huntlie and Bothwell,
 the lord Vchiltre till the young earle of Murrey cum
 to the age of xvij yaires; giue anie particular quarrell shall chance betuixt
 anie of the subscriuers or amongst ther freinds, the contrawersies shall be sub-
 ject to the decisiōe of the rest, or to anie two maist newtrall, chosin be com-
 mone adwyse; that none shall be retainit in court nor broght in, bot sic as shall
 be allowitt be the hail; that none shall take or except anie preferment or
 office, bot be the counnone adwyse of the rest of the subscriuers; that the earle
 of Huntlie makand offeris for the earle of Murrays slaughter, be the adwyse of
 Anguse, Erroll, Balwiry and Spott, together with the earle of Cathnes shall
 be sufficient, and gife the bairne at his perfytt age shall not except the samen,

the earle of Bothwell and Wchiltrie shall refuis to take his pairt in persewing that slaughter: subseryvitt on the margin.

P. 124. l. 15. Mr Jhone Colleny.

l. 22. Cesfurde and Buclengh became courtiers awchyle be the meins; bot wealth and pryde that spoills all disgracitt thame sune pairt againe; for it was then spoken that they were vpon a cours with the Queine for the transporting of the Prince from Sterling castle to the castle of Edinburgh, and that the chancelere and the master of Glames were with them vpon that plott. The Kings Majestie past in his progresse to the west towards Inchmirrine according to his custome, upon the xv day of August 1595. Before whose returne there was a greatt bruit of the prôsecutione of that course, and alteratione of courtt. His Majestie returned from that to Falkland the x of September.

l. 26. to the regraite of a greatt number of people; for be his wisdome he did prewent and cast off manie greatt inconvenients lykely to have come vpon the King and countrey.

The Kings Majestie remaining at this tyme in St Jhonstounne come therfra to Dunfermling, and then to Linlithgow, leiving the Queins Majestie at St Jhonstounne. Hir Majestie followit within aucht dayes thereafter, and so ther Majesties remainit together at Linlithgow vntill the xxiiij day of Nowember; and then his Majestie past to Edinburgh, where ther was ane conuentione of his Majesties ordinar counsall appointit to take ordoure anent his house, and the dissorderitt estaitt of the west border.

P. 125. l. 10. as commonlie Scottsmen looks for no perrell nor preisses to put ther hand to worke, bot whill they are straittit and vpone suddenties.

P. 127. l. 20. Vpon the xix day of September 1596, the Queins Majestie was delyueritt at Dunfermling of the Princes Lady Elizabeth.

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P. 139. l. ult. In the end of the moneth of Januarie hereaftir, the said earle of Montrose was maid chancelloure of Scotland be the meanes and help of some of his Majesties counsall and cubikulars. About this tyme Mr Jhone Lyndesay of Maumur demitted his place of secretarie, in fawours of Mr James Elphistounne of Barntounne, who was then maid secretaire. The bischope of Glasgow in France, Beatonne, was restored to his offices and benefices be ane act of the estaits, and authorized with commissione of ambassadrie for his Majestie in France.

There was ane vther conuentione appointed to hold heir at Edinburgh, vpone the first of Apryll 1599; wherein ther was a contract past betwixt the Kings Majestie and gentlemen venturers towards the Lewes, vpone certaine conditi-ones, speciallie, that sufficient securitie being maid to them therof, they sould pay to his Majestie sewin scoire chalders of beare yairelie. And vndertaking the journey toward the Lewes in the end of October the same yeaere, accompanied with v or vj c men vnder wadges, besyde gentlemen woluntars, throw the coldnes of the ile, the lake of ludgeinge and vther entertainment, a number of them died of the fluxes. And the laird of Balcombe and his companie, passing in ane boate out of the Lewes towards Orkeney, were intercepted be the way be sume hilandmen supposed to be Mackenzeis men, be whome sume of Balcombies men was slaine, and himselfe takin and deteined captiue, and so hardlie vssed, that be deadlie disseases contractit he deceaisit in Orkney efter he was sett at libertie. Be the meanes of ane speciall hielandman off that ile, there were ten or twelfe apprehendit of the speciall withstanders of that interpryse, and beheidit, and ther heids sent heir in a pok to Edinburgh, which were sett vpone the ports therof.

In the moneth of Julie 1599, ther arryyned heir ane ambassadoure from France named Monsure Byron, brother as was said to Monsure de Byron great treassurer of France, with the traine of xvijj or xx in companie. He repaired to his Majestie, and had presence at Falkland where his Hienes was at hunting, and where his Majestie retained him still in his companie in his passing to the west and vther parts, and thereafter at his departour propyned him with a rich cuipbuid. He tonik his passadge be seaward, bot [be] the storme of weather was dunge in at Yermouth Raid, and forced to take jurney therfra be land. His commissione was keipit secreitt, and onelie supposed to be the renewing of the league betwixt France and his Majestie, and a beginninge of a greater familiaritie betwixt them then had beine. His Majestie sent horse and hunds to the Kinge of France be this same ambassadour.

A conuentione of the estaits was holdin at Edinburgh vpone the x of December laste, where motione was maid concerning the supplie of his Majesties necessars, be a taxatione to be lifted of the subjects forestallers of markets and vthers; whilke beinge mournmoured against, the maitter was delayed to a

more frequent conuentione of the estaits, appointed the xxvij day of March 1600. Att the whilke connentione, the beginnunge of the yaire was altered be act and proclamatone, from the xxv of Marche to the first off Januarie, at whilke day the yeare [was] heirefter ewer to begine, and so to be rackonned.

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